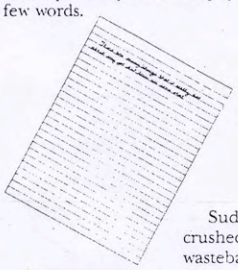
Introduction

A True Story

Once a good-looking guy sat staring at a sheet of white paper. He held a ballpoint pen in his hand, but he didn't write. He seemed frozen.

Finally he did put the pen on the paper, and he wrote a few words.



Suddenly the guy snatched up the paper, crushed it into a ball, and pitched it toward a wastebasket. He looked angry with himself.

Our friend found a new sheet of paper and gazed at it without writing. Then the same thing happened again. He finally wrote a few lines, quit, and crumpled and pitched his paper.

This happened two more times before the guy gave up. He concluded that he couldn't write. But he was wrong. He just didn't understand how writers work.

Essay Writing Made Easy.

A few things to keep in mind when writing your essay so that you have success.
Think of these **10 Points**

1. Write as if you are talking to someone.
2. Quality thoughts are better than quantity.
3. You should have at least **5-6** paragraphs.
4. Indent all paragraphs. Make sure it is clear that you did.
5. Keep your sentences short and to the point. (this avoids run-ons)
6. Follow the **format ....**
   a. LEAD IN …….. your global or overall mention of the topic
   b. Introduction…….. ……where you state the subtopics you will write about
   c. Sub-topics…….each idea from your introduction is a paragraph Each is a paragraph, use anecdotes, humor, other illustrations to explain the topic sentence. Try to have a transition sentence.
   d. Conclusion…….restate the topic and end with a feel good statement. Try to express and global idea. End so nothing can come after.
7. Be sure you know exactly what the topic is. Write it into a sentence. This sentence can become the beginning for your introduction.
8. Plan Organize and stick to the plan.
   a. Take a few minutes to brainstorm
   b. Jot ideas down ……. Really write them down. Don't just think.
   c. Organize them into subtopics… These become your body
   d. Review your plan as you write.
   e. Don't get sidetracked when relating anecdotes, or other illustrative examples. Make sure the ideas stick with the topic.
9. Take your time as you write.
   a. Stay focused on your topic
   b. Look at you plan so you know what you are leading into.
   c. Don't cram your writing together, write neatly.
10. Don't take it personally.
   a. NO ONE is asking you to write about personal matters.
   b. If in doubt what to say, write it as if you are thinking of someone else.

Lead In Write it to address the overall topic. Just write a few sentences that will get the reader's attention and get them interested. You will appear to know more about what you are writing about. Keep it general and then lead into your introduction.

Introduction If in doubt, simply rewrite the question that you are being asked. As you write the introduction, keep your sentences short. Write each subtopic into a sentence. (these become new paragraphs in the body) Write a transition sentence.

Body As you write the body of the essay. Each paragraph comes from subtopics.

Conclusion Restate the topic. Say something about it. Think of how you can say it to express a global idea. Use catchy phrases. End with a sentence that expresses a good thought. Also, try to make sure that you don't leave anyone thinking that you left something unsaid.