

Gellerisms

on the SAT Writing Section Essay



The Essay:

DOs:

DO show what you know.

Do state a clear point of view in the introduction, address the assignment and indicate the direction to be taken in the body paragraphs. (Use an essay map!)

Do have a beginning, middle and end to your essay; indent paragraphs to show understanding of structure.

Do illustrate logical and critical thinking. Remember that scores of "6" show "insight."

Do have specific supports for all assertions; develop the examples sufficiently and with concrete, specific details.

Do refer examples back to the point of view/thesis in the body paragraphs.

DO underline book titles. Do make certain pronouns have clear antecedents.

PRACTICE TIMING!!!

DO NOTs:

DO NOT make generalizations.

DO NOT give unnecessary details.

DO NOT be repetitious.

DO NOT use "something," "someone," "everything." Be specific!!!

DO NOT make references to oneself such as "I think," "I believe," "I feel."

DO NOT run out of time before writing the concluding paragraph.