

ABU DHABI MAR THOMA SUNDAY SCHOOL

ESSAY WRITING

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ESSAY WRITING

- ➡ Essay writing is a way to express your thoughts and ideas about important topics in a structured way.
- ➡ It's like telling a story with a beginning, middle, and end.
- ➡ You get to share what you believe and why it matters to you, just like how we talk about our faith in class.
- ➡ It's a chance to learn, reflect, and grow closer to god by exploring how his teachings apply to our lives.
- ➡ So, when you write an essay in Sunday school, remember it's not just about words on paper—it's about sharing your heart and connecting with others.

HOOK

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It's meant to intrigue and engage the audience from the very beginning, setting the tone for the rest of the essay



HOOK STATEMENT

Here are three examples:

- **Biblical Quotation:** Open with a powerful verse from the Bible that relates to the essay's theme. For example, "As Proverbs 3:5-6 declares, 'Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding.' This timeless wisdom guides us in navigating life's uncertainties."
- **Anecdotal Story:** Share a personal or historical anecdote that illustrates the central message of the essay. For instance, "In the face of adversity, the story of Job's unwavering faith offers a timeless lesson in resilience and trust in God's plan."
- **Provocative Question:** Pose a thought-provoking question that prompts reflection on the essay's topic. For instance, "What does it truly mean to love thy neighbor as thyself? Exploring this fundamental Christian principle reveals profound insights into the essence of faith and compassion."

TRANSITIONS



Think of transitions like secret passages that connect one part of your story to the next. They're super important because they keep your readers interested and make your story flow smoothly, like a river!



Picture your story as a big puzzle. Transitions are the pieces that fit perfectly between each part, making sure everything makes sense. If you don't use them, your story might sound like a bunch of random pieces scattered everywhere!



Smooth transitions are like the glue that holds your story together. They help your readers follow along easily, like following a treasure map with clear directions. So, when you're writing your essay, remember to use transitions to guide your readers through your amazing adventure!



LOOK

The core of your essay, known as "The Look," reveals what you aim for your audience to perceive, discover, and comprehend.

LOOK

- Points and Sub-points:
 - ❖ Divide your ideas into smaller chunks to help your classmates understand better.
 - ❖ Make sure each chunk supports the main idea.
 - ❖ Keep each part short, around 50 words or less.
 - ❖ If it's too long, break it down more or cut out unnecessary words.



LOOK

- Logical Order:

- Organize your thoughts in a way that makes sense to others.
- Think about how your ideas flow together.
- For example, if you're talking about different parts of a story, start with the beginning and end with the conclusion

LOOK

SEQUENCING WORDS

FIRST, SECOND,

NEXT, AFTER,

MEANWHILE, THEN,

AFTERWARDS, LATER,

FINALLY, LAST,

- Stories/Illustrations/Quotes:
 - Use stories, pictures, quotes, and more to explain your points.
 - For instance, share a story from your own life to show why understanding your audience is important.
 - Try to include examples in your essay to make things clearer.

LOOK

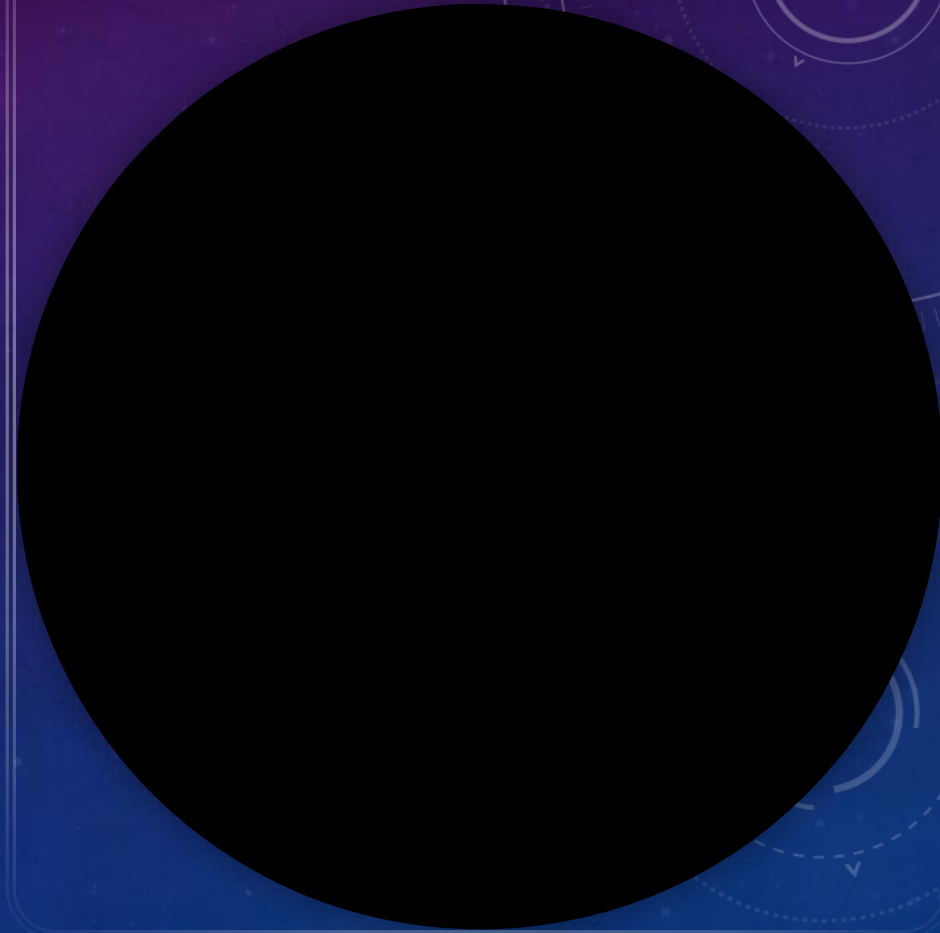
- Sticky Statement:

- ✓ Repeat your main statement throughout your essay at least once in a paragraph
- ✓ It will stick in your readers' minds.

- Transitions:

- It is highly important to move smoothly from one idea to the next.
- Make sure they make sense.
- For instance, use words like "first," "next," and "finally" to guide your reader through the essay.

ATTENTION



TOOK

- ❖ Think of "The Took" as the main idea your essay wants to leave with your audience.
- ❖ It's like a call to action or an invitation to respond.
- ❖ You can ask your reader to respond in different ways throughout your essay, but it's especially important to focus on this at the end of your message.



TOOK

Make it Count:

- ✓ Your essay's "Took" is the big idea you want your friends to remember.
- ✓ It's like the finale of a fireworks show—bright and unforgettable!
- ✓ So, when you finish your essay, make sure your classmates know exactly what you want them to do next.



TOOK

Wrap it Up:

- ✓ End your essay with a strong finish.
- ✓ Your "Took" should be crystal clear, like a shining beacon guiding your classmates on what to do next.
- ✓ Whether it's a call to help others or a challenge to live out their faith, make it powerful!



MAIN POINTS TO REMEMBER

- 200 words
- 4 paragraphs
- Hook-introductory paragraph
- Look – positive aspects
- Look - negative aspects
- Took – give the reader something to remember in days to come
- Start each paragraph – leave a line – start close to margin
- Capitalize- Name of the books of the Bible
- Capitalize- God, Holy Spirit, Jesus Christ
- Capitalize- Names of disciples, Names of characters in the Bible
- Format - Bible reference to be appropriately stated Matthew 15: 15