Practicing Writing Prompts:

DIRECTIONS: Choose one of the 4 prompts below and write a draft essay to review in class on Monday. NOTE: These prompts are modeled on ISEE writing prompts.

HOW IS THE ESSAY USED?

The essay does not affect your score but a copy is sent to the schools to which you apply. For this reason, you want to take your essay seriously and use it to show that you are thoughtful and can express yourself in writing.

Your essay should be about 5 paragraphs.

TAKE a few minutes to organize your thoughts. Write a quick outline or idea web.

1. Introduction – explain your opinion or main idea
2. Body paragraphs – include 1 – 2 examples that support your opinion/main idea
3. Conclusion

NOTE:

* Try to avoid spelling, grammar, and punctuation errors.
* Write neatly.
* Clearly indent each new paragraph.

TOPICS (choose 1)

1. **Topic:** Describe one important lesson you learned in the last year.
2. **Topic:** What is your favorite thing to do when you have free time? Why is this important to you?
3. **Topic:** If you could solve a problem in the world today, what would you choose and how would you solve the problem?
4. **Topic:** Write about a personal experience that changed how you thought about someone or something.

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