

ESSAY WRITING TOPICS

1. Some people think that parents are the best teachers. Do you agree or disagree? Give reasons for your opinion.
2. It has been said that not anything that is learned is contained in books. Compare and contrast knowledge gained from experience and from books.
3. An important automotive company has announced that it wishes to build a large factory near your community. Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of this new influence in your community.
4. How do movies and television influence people's behavior? Use reasons and specific examples to support your answer.
5. Some people prefer to live in a small town, while others prefer to live in a big city. Which place would you prefer to live in?
6. It is said that people succeed because of hard work; luck has nothing to do with success. Do you agree or disagree with this statement.
7. Many people visit museums when they travel to new places. Why do you think people visit museums?
8. Some people prefer to eat at food stands or restaurants; other people prefer to prepare and eat food at home. Which do you prefer?
9. Neighbors are the people who live near us. In your opinion, what are the qualities of a good neighbor?
10. In general, people live longer now than in the past. Discuss the causes of people's longevity.
11. A person you know is planning to move to your city. What do you think this person will like and dislike about your city?
12. Some people believe that our planet is being damaged by human activity; others think that human activity makes the Earth a better place to live. What is your opinion?
13. It has recently been announced that a new high school is being built in your community. Do support or oppose this plan?

14. Some people spend their entire lives in one place. Others move a number of times throughout their lives, looking for a better job, house, community, or climate. Which do you prefer: staying in one place or moving in search of another place?
15. People think that with the help of technology, students nowadays can learn more information and learn it faster. What is your opinion about it?
16. People should learn important skills in order to be successful in the world today. Think of one skill that is absolutely necessary to be successful in today's world.
17. Some people are morning people, that is, they prefer to start the day early; some people prefer to start the day late in the day and work or study until late at night. What kind of a person are you and why?
18. What are the important qualities of a good son or daughter according to your own culture?
19. Some people like to have face-to-face communication; others like to communicate by means of letters, e-mail, or telephone calls. What kind of person are you and why?
20. Some people like to do what they know they can do well. Others like to try new things and take risks. What do you prefer and why?
21. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: a person should never make an important decision alone.
22. Some people are always in a hurry to go places and get things done; other people prefer to take their time and live life at a slower pace. What do you prefer to do and why?
23. What do you want most in a friend – someone who is intelligent, someone who has a good sense of humor, or someone who is reliable? Which one of these characteristics is most important to you?
24. Many teachers assign homework to students every day. Do you think daily homework is necessary for students?
25. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: Grades encourage students to learn.

26. Some people think that children should begin learning a foreign language as soon as they start school. Do you agree and disagree with the statement and why?
27. Your city has decided to build a statue or monument to honor a famous person in your country. Who would you choose and why?
28. A foreign visitor has only one day to spend in your city. Where would this visitor go on that day?
29. If you had the possibility of going back in time and place in the past, when and where would you go and why?
30. If you could travel back in time to meet a famous person from history, what person would you like to meet and why?
31. Some people prefer to live in place with the same climate all year around; others like to live in areas where they to experience the four seasons. Which do you prefer and why?
32. Some people think that teachers should be paid according to how much their students earn. Give your opinion about this issue.
33. You are asked to send one thing representing your country to an international exhibition. What would you choose and why?
34. Some people think that students should evaluate their teachers. Do you agree or disagree?
35. In your opinion, that is the most important characteristic [for example, honesty, intelligence, sense of humor] that a person you have in order to be successful in life?
36. Some people believe that the best way of learning about life is by listening to the advice or family and friends. Other people believe the best way of learning about life is through personal experience. Compare the advantages of these two ways.
37. When people move to another country, they decide to follow the customs and traditions of the new country, while others decide to keep their own customs. Which do you prefer?
38. Some people prefer to spend their time with one or two friends. Others prefer to spend their time with a large number of friends. Which do you prefer?

39. Some people think that family is the most important influence on young adults. Others think that friends are the most important influence on them. What is your opinion?
40. People learn in different ways: by doing things, by reading, by listening to other people. What is the method of learning you feel most comfortable with?
41. Some people choose friends that are very different from themselves. Others choose friends that are very similar to them. Which type of person are you?
42. Some people think that decisions that are made quickly are always wrong. What is your opinion about this statement?
43. Some people say it is more important to study science and mathematics than history and literature. What is your opinion?
44. The new Superintendent of Miami-Dade Public Schools thinks that all middle school students should study art and music. What is your opinion about it?
45. When famous people, such as actors, athletes, and rock stars give their opinions, many people listen. Do you think we should pay attention to these opinions?
46. People remember special gifts or presents they have received. What is the gift or present you always remember?
47. People do many different things to stay healthy. What do you do for good health?
48. People recognize the difference between teenagers and adults. What events, experiences, reactions, or ceremonies make a person an adult?
49. People listen to music for different reasons, at different times and places. Why music is so important to people?
50. Holidays honor people or events. If you create a new holiday, what person or event would you like to honor? How would you like people to celebrate it or commemorate it?