Great Writing 4 - Lesson 4 Homework

# Activity 7 Thesis Statement Questions

## Answer these questions about the thesis statement in “No More Mandatory Retirement”

1. What is the thesis statement in the essay?

The thesis statement of this essay is “Mandatory retirement for capable workers is wrong because it violates personal choice, discriminates senior citizens and wastes valuable skills as well as money”.

2. Is this a direct or indirect thesis statement?

This is a direct thesis statement.

3. Rewrite the thesis statement using the alternative form.

Mandatory retirement is very wrong because it causes three main problems.

# Activity 8 More Practice with Hooks

# The Truth about Coaches and Business Managers

1. Hook 1:

Do you know the similarities between coaches and business managers?

2. Hook 2:

Think of coaches and business managers, what are their differences and similarities?

# Activity 9 Thesis Statement Questions

1. What is the thesis statement in the essay?

The thesis statement of this essay is “These differences, however pale in comparison to the similarities shared by two professions, for the main functions of athletic team coaches and business managers are very closely related.”.

2. Is this a direct or indirect thesis? Give the reason for your answer.

This is an indirect thesis. Because it didn’t say specifically about the similarities between coaches and business managers.

3. Rewrite the thesis statement using the alternative form.

These differences are pale in comparison to their similarities, which are the ability to lead teammates and employees, solve problems between them and represent their subordinates to higher management.

# Activity 10 Make a General Outline

Title: July 13, 2013

1. Introduction (Paragraph 1)  
   A. Hook: ...

B. Connecting information

C. Thesis statement: Then the doorbell rang and my life changed forever.

1. Body

A. Paragraph 2 topic sentence: ...

B. Paragraph 3 topic sentence: I turned the packet over in my hand a few times, then gently began opening it, careful to not tear anything important.

C. Paragraph 4 topic sentence: So many questions were racing in my head that I did not hear my mother come down the stairs.

# Activity 11 Making a Specific Outline

Title: Cinderella and Her Tedious Household Chores

1. Introduction (Paragraph 1)  
   A. Hook: Almost everyone knows how the story of Cinderella ends, but do people actually think about how she spent her days before she met the prince?

B. Connecting information: Her daily routine was not glamorous. She did everything from sweeping the floors to cooking the meals. If someone had asked Cinderella which chores she did not particularly like, she probably would have answered, “Why, none, of course. Housework is my duty!” In today's increasingly busy society, however, most people admit that they have definite dislikes for certain household chores.

C. Thesis statement: The top three of these unpopular tasks often include ironing clothes, washing dishes and cleaning the bathroom.

1. Body

A. Paragraph 2:

1. Topic sentence (Chore #1): One of the most hated chores for many people is ironing clothes.
2. Supporting ideas:
   1. Attention to detail
      1. …
      2. ...
      3. Getting the creases just right
      4. Put on a hanger as soon as possible
   2. Problem: If not, this item might become wrinkled and to be ironed again.

B. Paragraph 3:

1. Topic sentence (Chore #2): Another household chore that many people dislike is washing dishes.
2. Supporting ideas
   1. …
   2. Negative aspects of this chore
      1. …
      2. Patience
      3. To be done every day

C. Paragraph 4:

1. Topic sentence (Chore #3): Although ironing clothes and washing dishes are not the most pleasant household chores, perhaps the most dreaded chore is cleaning the bathroom.
2. Supporting ideas: Because the bathroom is full of germs, a quick wipe on the surface is often not enough.
   1. Tasks
      1. Cleaning the bathtub
      2. …
      3. …
   2. Negative aspects
      1. …
      2. Must disinfect the whole room
   3. Positive aspects: It doesn’t have to be done every day.