

A+ Test Prep and Tutoring Newsletter

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Welcome to the inaugural issue of the A+ Test Prep and Tutoring monthly e-mail newsletter. Our goal is to provide both students, parents and teachers with valuable information, tips, and features.

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SAT Tip

The essay, a feature of the new SAT which counts for about 30% of the Writing score, seems to strike fear in the hearts of many students. How does one approach this task? The first thing is to read the entire assignment carefully at least twice. Each essay assignment contains a quotation from a notable person or book. Consider your position on the topic-do you agree or disagree with the quotation? What other arguments would you make on the topic and what examples from personal experience, history, literature, or another field of study might you use? Understanding and fulfilling the requirements of the assignment is key, since even the most well written essay will receive a low score if it is off-topic.

Study Tip

When first learning a foreign language, it is often helpful to create flashcards. For French and Spanish, buy a multi-colored pack of index cards and put feminine nouns on pink cards, and masculine ones on blue. With German, do the same and, in addition, use the yellow cards for neuter nouns. The green cards could be used for verbs or some other grammatical category.

Helpful Links

<http://www.helpforadd.com> A resource for parents, students, and educators about the latest research on AD/HD. Reviews recently published studies ranging from medication studies to studies of promising alternative treatments. Written by David Rabiner, Ph.D., Licensed Psychologist & Senior Research Scientist at Duke University.

www.collegeboard.com

Did you know that you can have an "SAT question of the day" delivered daily to your email inbox? (Copy this URL: <http://www.collegeboard.com/apps/qotd/question>) The official website of the College Board offers this convenient service that allows you to challenge your (or your child's) wits on a regular basis. It is a great way to become familiar with SAT question formats and the breadth of subject matter covered on the test. Once you've submitted your response, the correct answer is provided with an explanation.

Featured Student

Congratulations to Josh Henkin, a senior at Council Rock North High School, for increasing his SAT Critical Reading score from 650 to a perfect score of 800! After taking the SAT as a junior, Josh felt he could improve his 650 Critical Reading score and consequently completed the A+ Reading only test-prep program. Josh is currently in the process of receiving responses to his college-admissions applications and will be deciding upon a college this spring. Kudos also to Josh's tutor, Anne-Marie Mettus.

What's New

As some of you know, the offices of A+ Tutoring Service in both Jenkintown and Gwynedd have been buzzing with students diligently preparing for the upcoming SAT. (We are still registering test-prep students for the June test.) The upcoming test dates are as follows:

Saturday, April 1, 2006

Saturday, May 6, 2006

Saturday, June 3, 2006

In order to better prepare our SAT students for this long (3 hr. 45 min.) standardized test, we recently offered our test-prep students a free, proctored test that simulates the actual test-taking experience. The test was administered at St. Paul's Church in Glenside and was supervised by one of our experienced SAT tutors. A total of 8 students attended and it was a great success. We plan to offer this practice SAT test periodically and will notify you about future dates.

Current A+ Promotions

\$50 off the price of our Academic Coaching program through April 15, 2006. This coupon is available at <http://www.aplustutoring.com/coupon.htm> . Please call our office for more details about this increasingly popular program designed to help students improve their study habits, including reading comprehension, note-taking, test-taking, time management, and organizational skills.

Refer-a-friend Program: Do you know someone who might be interested in PSAT, SAT, or ACT tutoring? For students who have not previously enrolled in one of our test preparation programs we offer a free 1 hour one-to-one individualized PSAT or SAT strategy session. This is a great, no-obligation way to get to know us. Call or email us today!

10% off an SAT prep program for the June, 2006 SAT. Please call our office for details. Expires March 31, 2006.

Your Suggestions

This is our first issue of this newsletter. We need your feedback! We are asking for your suggestions about how to make it better. Please call or email our office with your ideas. Got a good name for this newsletter? Is there another feature you'd like to see? We'd love to hear from you.

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