



WRITING DIAGNOSTIC

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Please carefully read and choose one writing prompt below.

Please select 1 of the following topics for a discussion in a 5-paragraph essay. The essay should have a clear thesis statement, three distinct body paragraphs, which support that thesis, and a conclusion paragraph.

The content of the essay must not include research of any kind. All essays will be scanned for plagiarism through turnitin.com. Good luck!

Guidelines:

1. Please type using 10cpi and single-spacing.
2. You may use an outline to help organize your thoughts for this essay; however, only your essay will be submitted.
3. You may use a dictionary or a thesaurus while writing, if you wish.

Writing Prompts (choose one of the following):

- If you see a stranger in trouble or danger, would you help or intervene? Why or why not?
- Is the average 1st year college student well prepared for the college environment? Why or why not?
- Is it always wrong to tell a lie? Explain.

College is a scary new experience for many students, especially in their first year. I believe high school does not do enough to prepare students for college. The average first-year college student is not ready for the college environment. This could be because of facts such as a lack of guidance, more responsibility, and the cost of college.

First, students have less guidance than they do in high school compared to college. High school gives some information on how to sign up for college and get classes, but it is not nearly enough for a college student to do it on their own. They do not give ample information about how to fill out the FASFA or sign up for classes. Colleges do not give enough information either, such as not explaining the prerequisites for upcoming classes for the next semester, so you must write a paper to get into English 101. Overall, neither high school nor college prepares you enough for college life in terms of guidance.

Second, all students have more responsibility than they did in high school. Professors won't hold their hands through classes, so they must handle their own work. It is also stricter since in the technical classes you only have 3 absences that you can get compared to the five normally found in high schools. Also, various college students have a job. College students have a higher responsibility than high school students.

Lastly, students must pay an exorbitant amount of money to go to college. Most colleges will put students in debt for many years. Tech colleges are a better choice, but they are only two years and still cost quite a bit. The FASFA and other college grants help, but with technical glitches and people having to drop classes, they could end up having to pay the full price of a course they did not even take. These are some of the reasons college is too expensive and first-year students are not prepared for it.

This paper proves why the average first-year college student is not prepared for the college environment. There is a lack of guidance, more responsibility, and the cost of college. The issues can be addressed at the high school and college levels to make it better for all students.

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