

How to Write a Good Essay

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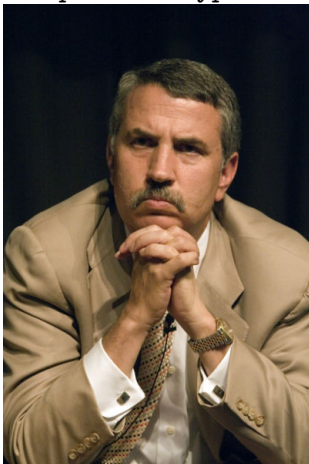
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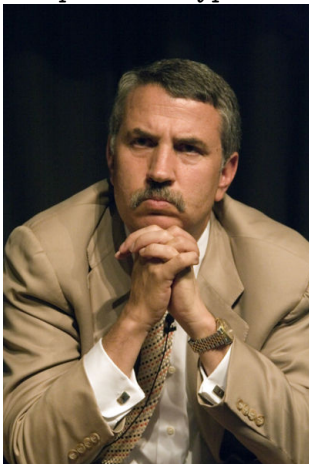


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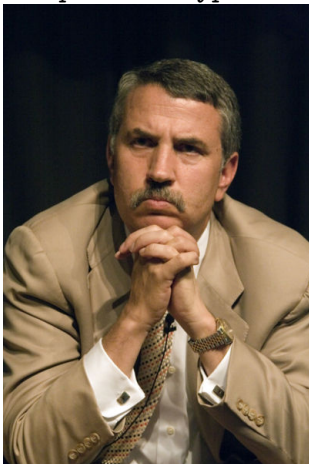
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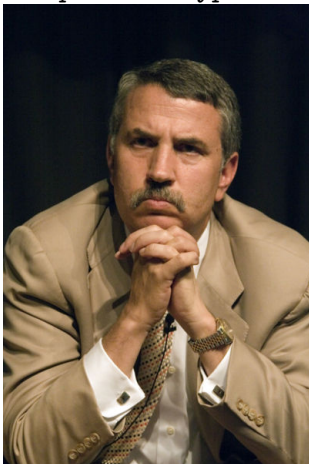
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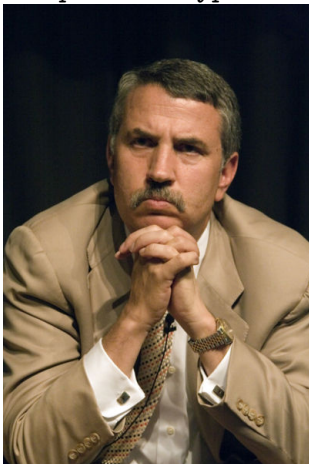
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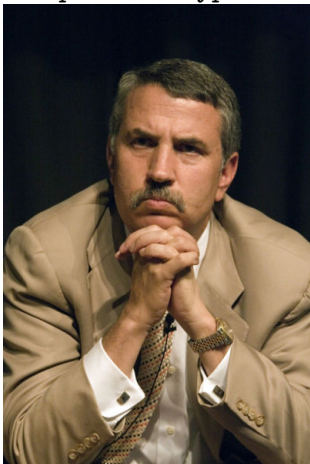
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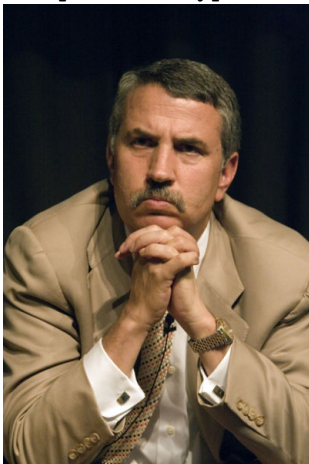
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You'll write successful essays if they are:

- Clear
- Concise
- Focused

This only occurs through careful thought and planning

Small Stuff

- Semicolons

“Here is a lesson in ... writing. First rule: Do not use semicolons. They [represent] absolutely nothing. All they do is show you’ve been to college.”
(Vonnegut)

- I believe...

Don't hedge! Make the argument, support it with evidence.

- Answer the Question and only the question asked
- Formatting, Double spacing → easiest credit to obtain, don't mess it up!