**Writing Assignment #2**

ESL 263

In “Online Courses Fail Those Who Need Help,” Susan Dynarski states that fully online classes are beneficial for high achieving students, but do not serve less proficient students well. According to the article, why do online courses fail academically challenged students? Choose two significant reasons. Use the article, outside sources, and personal experience for support. Write two paragraphs.

Helpful Tips:

1. Freewrite for eight minutes. Write about why the author believes online classes fail academically challenged students.
2. Look over your ideas from your freewrite and choose two significant reasons given by the author to support her claim that online courses fail academically challenged students.
3. Outline your paragraph so that it is organized.
4. Make sure each paragraph starts with a strong topic sentence.
5. Make sure you use lots of detail, explanation, description and examples to support your ideas.
6. **You must use at least one paraphrase from the article to support your topic sentence. Highlight it in yellow.**
7. **You must use two AWL words. Highlight them in blue.**
8. **At the end of your writing, please copy the original sentence(s) that you paraphrased.**
9. Make sure you end with an effective concluding sentence.
10. Remember, you are writing *body paragraphs* in this class. Therefore, you do NOT need to write an introduction.
11. Writing assignments must be typed in a 12 point, standard font. Use one-inch margins and double-space. Type your name, the class (ESL 263), and the assignment (WA#1, 1st draft) and the date at the top on the left side.
12. A typical paragraph is about one-half page (150-200 words). It is important to keep to the appropriate length.