

Essay Writing Skills

While pondering the prompted question here of, why do you think it is important for students to improve their essay writing skills, my mind kept coming back to a recurring thought. This thought revolved around my father and wise advice he gave me when he was confused with what I was trying to tell him.

If my father said this quote once I heard it a hundred times, the only information that counts is the one the receiver gets. As much as any teenager wants to admit their parents are correct, these words have stayed with me because if the receiver does not understand or remember what is being said what is the point in writing at all?

What this quote means essentially is that it is the responsibility of the writer to make the message being portrayed clear and to the point. English Language Art teachers work with students all through school into becoming skillful writers. Every skill that is taught to a student is much like the tools a craftsman has in their tool box. Learning what each of these tools are and how to use them in the correct way are the keys to creating the perfect essay. But just like anything done in life, writing the perfect essay takes lots of practice. It is wise to use the high school years as a time to practice writing as many essays as possible and heeding the high school instructor's guidelines into creating successful essay techniques. Taking the time to learn all there is to know in making the message being one that first grabs the reader's attention, next informs them of the message and finally is memorable are putting the teacher's tools to work in creating a finished product of becoming a skilled craftsman of the written word.

By not taking the time to hone in on the skills of becoming a talented essay writer the student will find college and many life experiences difficult. Without learning how to write an essay that the receiver understands the student will suffer in all of the classes they attend. If instead the writing of the student consists of short, choppy and confusing answers it may leave a college professor assuming the student did not understand the lesson in class. This in turn will leave the student frustrated which could lead to having grades that dip or possibly even failing classes. How upsetting this would be especially for a student that had studied and clearly understood the message but failed at getting that message to the professor. All of this by not being able to clearly portray information in an essay format is truly unfortunate. Here is to hoping that this essay followed my father's advice on creating a message that is one the receiver "gets." My feelings on essays are those that are shared with my love of reading. Just as my favorite authors use the power of being able to take the reader into the world the writer has created, this skill is one that all students should acquire by the time they reach college.

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