

English 1310
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Essay 3: You: The Expert

Essay 3: (800 words)	10%	In class peer review: Wednesday October 1 <i>Final Draft:</i> Monday October 13
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Write a 2.5-3.5 page essay, making sure to have a coherent thesis statement, which you will underline in your final draft, on one of the following topics. Essay must be typed and double spaced. Be sure to pay attention to rules of basic grammar and style, check spelling and, if you use any outside sources, a works cited page.

Note: Peer Review day is not a skip day– you must attend or lose 10 points on essay 3 unless you have a university excused absence.

Be sure that your paper

- focuses on your topic;
- presents a clearly expressed thesis which includes an argument;
- thoroughly informs your readers;
- maintains a clear, consistent stand from start to finish;
- includes a clear beginning, strong support & convincing conclusion– consider PIE as a guideline;
- presents reasonable, logical argument;
- includes an interesting beginning, strong development and an effective ending;
- uses transitions to link sentences and paragraphs;
- speaks knowledgeably about your subject;
- shows that you as writer are truly interested in and feel strongly about your subject;
- explains or defines any and all unfamiliar terms;
- contains specific nouns/subjects and vivid action verbs;
- flows smoothly from one idea to the next;
- shows variation in sentence structure;
- sticks to the basic rules of writing;
- follows all standard formatting requirements;



Use all of the above points to write an essay where you:

Write a “how to” paper, including specific, concrete instructions about how to perform a certain task. You must, as part of your “how to” include your basic reason for knowing how to do the task you’re describing– why is it important? Why should one know the information? Why is it important to you? To the world?

The task is wide open– from putting on make-up to changing a tire to solving a mathematical equation to writing a computer program– you get the picture. But choose something that **YOU ALREADY KNOW HOW TO DO WELL** and then explain it to someone who would not know the things you’re discussing. Be sure to include a thesis statement & a conclusion that clearly express WHY it is important to know this information. Make sure your essay also includes WHO should know it HOW they would learn it WHAT the task really is WHERE one would do the task and WHEN the task is best performed. You must only choose a subject that you are already an expert, then inform others about it.

