

Conjugating Verbs

6 ways to write - to walk

I walk (present tense) **L.1.1**

I walked (past tense)

I will walk (future tense)

I have walked (present perfect)

I had walked (past perfect)

I will have walked (future perfect)

Reminders

- figure out what the prompt is asking you to do
- read passages and underline important notes
- write introduction and include big idea; list three main reasons
- separate main reasons into three individual paragraphs and support with details (this is the body of the paper)
- write a conclusion that quickly summarizes the three points discussed in the body of the paper
- edit and revise - this is very important

R.I.P. Words

also - besides, in addition to

very - extremely, surely

good - superb, wonderful

great - fantastic, marvelous

lots - numerous, many

but - on the other hand, yet

have to - must, need to

so - accordingly, therefore

then - afterward, meanwhile

Opinion Essay Format/Informative

paragraph 1 - introduction (*see below*)

paragraph 2 - **topic sentence** that includes your **first point** or reason

- a. evidence, details (margin notes) your thoughts
- b. evidence, details (margin notes) your thoughts
- c. evidence, details (margin notes) your thoughts

paragraph 3 - **topic sentence** that includes your **second point** or reason

- a. evidence, details (margin notes) your thoughts
- b. evidence, details (margin notes) your thoughts
- c. evidence, details (margin notes) your thoughts

paragraph 4 - **topic sentence** that includes your **third point** or reason

- a. evidence, details (margin notes) your thoughts
- b. evidence, details (margin notes) your thoughts
- c. evidence, details (margin notes) your thoughts

paragraph 5 - conclusion (*see below*)

Introduction and Conclusion Paragraphs

these two paragraphs (first and the last) are very similar

- **first paragraph** - indent, begin with the topic sentence (state your opinion) and/or list three text based reasons for the opinion; do not expand (elaborate) your writing in this paragraph
- **last paragraph** - indent, begin with advanced transition (in conclusion, finally, in summary, in closing, etc..) restate your opinion from the first paragraph, but write it in a different way, or state your three reasons again written differently

Common Mistakes

- improper usage of capitalization (common/proper nouns)
- not indenting
- skipping lines
- missing punctuation marks
- paragraphs too short - not enough support and details
- spelling
- sloppy handwriting

"Thinking about writing is not writing. Talking about writing is not writing. Writing is writing..."

Nora Roberts a.k.a J.D. Robb
New York Times Best Selling Author
400 million plus books in print