

SOL PROMPT #16

Think about the benefits of working with a group or working alone. Which do you feel is more beneficial? Write to convince your teacher of your preference, either to work with a group or to work alone. Support your position with reasons and specific examples.

MODEL INTRODUCTION

Today, students in high schools across the country are more overwhelmed than they have ever been. The pressure to earn excellent grades, to stay involved in extracurricular activities, and to be accepted by a good college is mounting every year. Consequently, many students are no longer able to simply enjoy learning. In core academic subjects, such as English, students are suffering from the sheer amount of assignments that they must complete. Classwork has become a duty; students approach it with dread. As such, English teachers should consider assigning group work to their students more frequently. In addition to the obvious social benefits of group work, there are also a number of logical and practical reasons that English teachers should encourage collaboration in their classrooms.

STEPS TO WRITING A SOLID INTRODUCTION PARAGRAPH

HOOK

- Quote
- Statistic
- Interesting Anecdote
- 1 Rhetorical Question
- Vivid Description
- Shocking Announcement
- Onomatopoeia

CONTEXT

What does my reader need to know?

Why is this topic relevant?

AUDIENCE

What person or group of people would benefit from hearing your argument?

THESIS

Include your position and state your reasons.