

Unit 1 Individual Project: Keep it Basic, Very Basic

STEP ONE

Turn one of the topics into a thesis statement. Here are examples:

(Topic) Illustrate a character trait that you find detestable in people.

(Thesis statement) **Lying is the character trait I find most detestable in people.**

Important Note: You must repeat key words of the assignment topic ("character trait," "detestable," "in people") in your thesis.

(Topic) A detestable character trait.

(Thesis statement) **Lying is the character trait I find most detestable in people.**

STEP TWO

Use your thesis statement to write three paragraph topic sentences:

(Thesis) **Lying is the character trait I find most detestable in people.**

(Topic sentences)

Body paragraph topic sentence 1. The **first** reason **lying** is so **detestable** is that it betrays trust.

Body paragraph topic sentence 2. The **second** reason **lying** is so **detestable** is that it hurts others.

Body paragraph topic sentence 3. The **third** reason **lying** is so **detestable** is that it creates instability in society.

Please notice how each topic sentence contains a "signpost" word-- "**first,**" "**second,**" "**third.**" The topic sentences also include "echo" words from the thesis ("**lying,**" "**detestable**"). Be sure to put both **signpost** and **echo** words in your paragraph topic sentences.

STEP THREE

Write your body paragraphs in three parts: (1) topic sentence; (2) support (facts, quotes, personal story, examples, statistics) for the topic sentence; (3) a conclusion sentence. See [Unit 1 IP Model Response](#).

CAUTION: It will be difficult to score well on this assignment without following these instructions exactly.

MORE HELP: Here are links to the handouts/lectures required for you to complete this assignment:

[Essay Schematic](#) (Will download as Microsoft Word document)

[How to Write Your Introduction](#) (Will download as Microsoft Word document)

[How to Write An Effective Thesis](#) (Web page link)

[How to End a Body Paragraph with a Conclusion Sentence](#) (Will download as a Microsoft Word document)