Informational Essay

For our next assignment in English, you are going to write an ***Informational Essay*** on anything you would like to know more about. For example, I would like to know more about the homeless children of Brazil. To begin, I need to think about what I know of this topic.

1. Pick your topic: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. Narrow your topic 🡪 For example, *Alberta* is far too large of a topic. However, *Great Places to Visit in Alberta* or *Why Nova Scotians are moving to Alberta* are better!
3. Create a topic sentence:

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1. What do you already know?

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1. Next, do plenty of research and answer your questions. Answer any other questions that may come along through your research, but make sure you do not make your topic “too big.” **Do not forget to keep track and keep a record of your resources!** A bibliography will be required. One more thing kids: Just say no to Wikipedia.
2. Organize your thoughts with the graphic organizer. Your essay must have a beginning, middle and an end.

*Beginning: Introduces the topic and gives an overview of the information to be presented.*

*Middle: Presents facts and details about the topic, organized into (at least) three paragraphs.*

*End: Summarizes the information and wraps up in some strong way.*

1. Once you have completed your graphic organizer and you know where you want to go with your essay, you must begin the FIRST DRAFT of your essay.
2. Peer editing and revising

Examples:

1. Publishing – typing up your final copy.

Finally, you can make your text more interesting to readers by including some of these:

* An interesting quote (remember to tell your audience who said it, and that it is from a creditable source)
* A number or statistic
* A brief anecdote
* An amazing fact
* A very short sentence (but not a whole paper of them)
* A colourful description (you know how much I love my details!)
* An unusual comparison
* A question (thought-provoking and/or rhetorical)
* Something funny (something we all think is funny, not just you)
* Anything else?

# Requirements

These are the MINIMUM requirements:

* Title page with the title of the essay and your name
* Five paragraphs with five full sentences per paragraph
* Proof of prewriting, rough draft with revising and editing and a final copy
* A bibliography page with at least three different sources
* Final copy, typed 11 or 12-point font

# What Do you Already Know?

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# What Would You Like To Know/Need To Know?

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