

Instructor: _____

Name: _____

SKILL: WRITING, Part 2

Goal: To practice planning and organizing ideas for an in-class essay

Materials:

Practice Essay Topics for 184 (handout available at front desk)

Writer's Resources 2.0 (computer)

- Use ***Writer's Resources*** to help you do the assignment.
- Choose one topic from the list and brainstorm 6 – 10 possible points. Do all your work on the lines below. Write on the back of this page or on another piece of paper if you need more space.
- Cross out weak ideas and combine similar ideas.
- Choose your 3 strongest points.
- For each of your 3 points, create a list of supporting details for that point.
- Write a thesis and make an outline for your essay.

<p>Sample Outline</p> <p>Thesis: People eat junk food for a variety of reasons.</p> <p>I. Cost and convenience</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">A. Junk food is cheaper than fruit, etc.</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">B. Convenient packaging. You can take it anywhere.</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">C. It has preservatives. No refrigeration</p> <p>II. Taste</p>

If you have questions about the topics, how to write a thesis, or how to make an outline, ask the ESL lab instructor.

Refer to *Writer's Resources* on the computer for more examples.

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