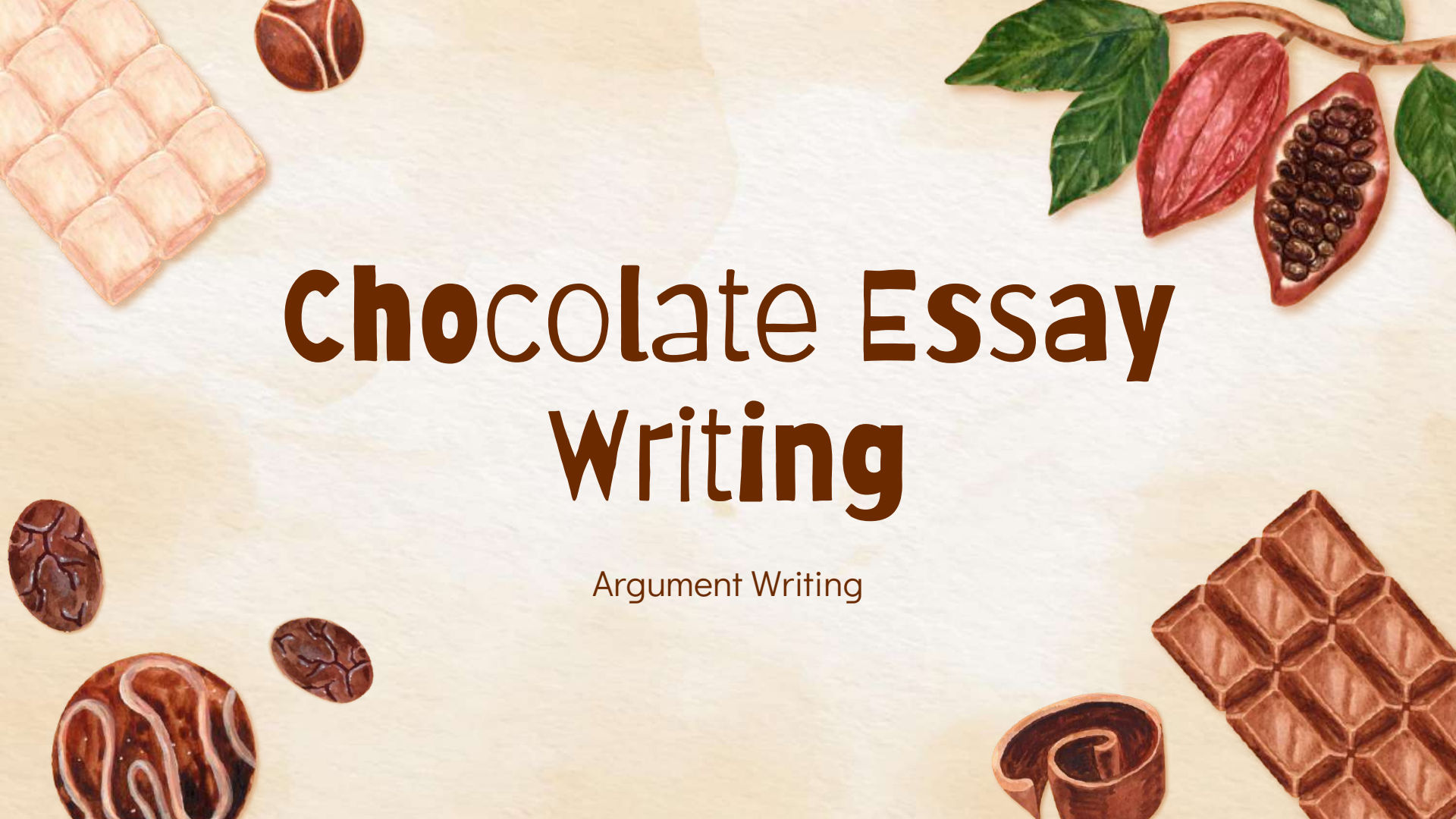


Chocolate Essay Writing

Argument Writing





Argument Writing Prompt

Chocolate = Happiness ... or Does It?

You will write an argumentative essay stating your claim that **chocolate equals happiness** or it does not.

Be sure to identify at least 2 sources you can use in your work. As you conduct your research in both the Collection and on the Internet, be sure to look for relevant facts, concrete details, and clear evidence to support your claim.



The Chocolate Collection Resources:

Does chocolate equal happiness?

<u>Yes!</u>		<u>No!</u>	
Pilot Dropped Candy in the Hearts of Berlin	312-314	Is It Fair to Eat Chocolate? <i>from Skipping Stones</i>	326-328
Eat More Chocolate, Win More Nobels?	334-335	Appendix C Statement <i>from Labour in Portuguese West Africa</i>	322-323
Can Chocolate Be Good for My Health?	336	Good Harvest <i>from All Animals</i>	355-356
“Chocolate” <i>Poem by Rita Dove</i>	340		
Excerpt “Dark Chocolate: A Bittersweet Pill to Take” (both sides)			337-338

1. Introductory Paragraph

- An **engaging hook/ lead** to grasp the reader's attention and give the reader a sense of what your essay is about
- Key **background** or context to help the reader understand the topic of your essay
- Your claim





Hook

Do you know what the M's on the package of M&M's candy mean? The M's represent the names of two men who put their business heads together to produce a great chocolate treat. M&M's candy has a history of pleasing many people on this planet—and beyond.

Background Info

Claim

Sample Introduction





Hook

Do you know that chocolate has a dark side? And not just literally from its color! Some children are forced to work long hours in unsafe conditions to get cocoa beans for chocolate. Chocolate also is full of fat and sugar not good for your health. Chocolate does not equal happiness.

Background
Info

Claim



Sample Introduction 2

2. Body Paragraphs

- Restate claim
- Text evidence
 - Opener (*According to...*)
 - Quotation marks
 - Citation (Author/Source)
- Description of the key parts of your evidence
- Reasoning - clear explanation of how this evidence supports the claim



Claim

One reason chocolate leads to happiness is that it is beneficial to your health. White chocolate is made with milk, which contains calcium. According to the article, “calcium keeps bones and teeth strong and also helps your heart, muscles, and nerves to function well” (Mayo Clinic). All of these body parts are crucial for your body to physically function smoothly. Chocolate also contains theobromine which “causes people to feel happy” (Mayo Clinic). Mental health is just as important as physical health. When people are both physically and mentally healthier, they are happier.

Evidence

Quote Opener

Reasoning

Citation

Sample Body Paragraph



3. Conclusion

- Restate your claim
- A final thought





Claim

Mr. Mars and Mr. Murrie apparently created a winner. M&M's has a history of being popular with both soldiers and civilians on Earth and even with astronauts in space. Maybe we'll be reading reports of M&M's in future settlements on Mars!

Final
thought

Sample Conclusion






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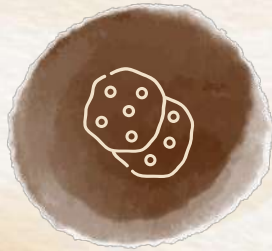
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Revising – ARMS



Adding
words or
sentences



Removing
unnneeded words
or sentences



Moving words
or sentences
around to make
more sense



Substituting
vague words for
more accurate
words

Editing – CUPS



Capitalization -
Names, Places,
Months, Titles



Understanding -
Make sure each
sentence makes
sense



Punctuation -
Periods, commas,
quotation marks,
parentheses



Spelling -
check all words,
use Spell Check

Criteria		Great work	Good	Getting better	Needs work	Not yet
<u>Focus/ Claim</u> Clear statement of claim: Does chocolate equal happiness?		5	4	3	2	1
<u>Source 1 Evidence</u> Select quoted or paraphrased details from a text to develop and support an idea.	Evidence Checklist: <input type="checkbox"/> Opener <input type="checkbox"/> Quotation Marks <input type="checkbox"/> Citation (Author)	5	4	3	2	1
<u>Source 1 Reasoning</u> Explain and elaborate evidence with your own words.		5	4	3	2	1
<u>Source 2 Evidence</u> Select quoted or paraphrased details from a text to develop and support an idea.	Evidence Checklist: <input type="checkbox"/> Opener <input type="checkbox"/> Quotation Marks <input type="checkbox"/> Citation (Author)	5	4	3	2	1
<u>Source 2 Reasoning</u> Explain and elaborate evidence with your own words.		5	4	3	2	1
<u>Conventions</u> Use complete sentences with proper spelling, grammar, and punctuation.		5	4	3	2	1

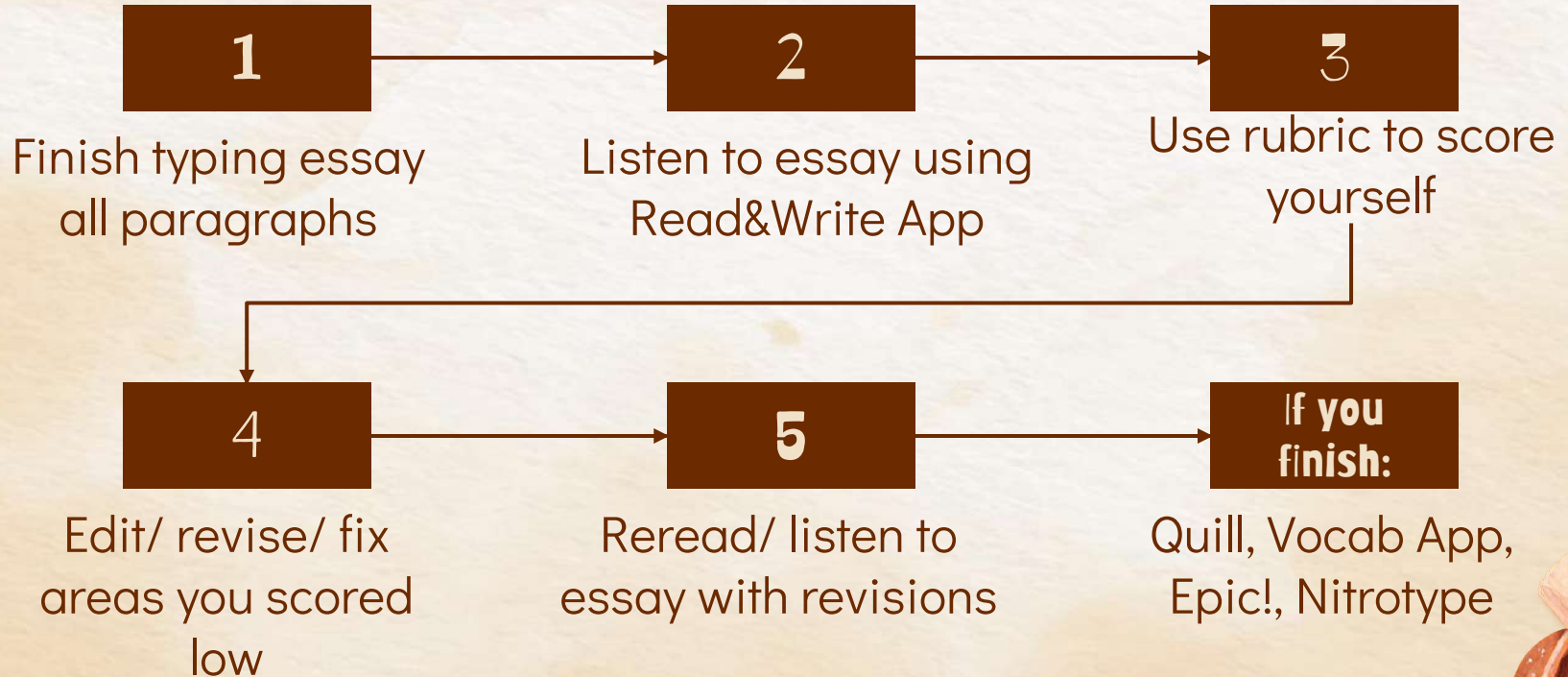


Final Review Day





Self Review





Partner Review

