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GED/HiSET Preparation & Skills Building Courses (TABE)

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A Deeper Dive into Essay Writing:

Writing is a skill that can be fun, if we embrace it. However, it takes a lot of work to brainstorm ideas and then organize those ideas so that you construct a well-written, organized and cohesive essay. In our 2019 Online

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GED/HiSET Cohort, we have been putting in the work to get our students ready for the essay writing portion of their LA Writing exam. By breaking down the components of an essay: Introduction, Body and Conclusion and diving deep into each section, our students

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are developing the necessary skills to demonstrate a level of proficiency on their official essay writing exam. Students are developing the skills to read two passages and take a position on a given topic based on what they have read. They are learning how to present their position through a



STUDENT RECOGNITION!

- ✓ This quarter we celebrate the success of one of our students (Ms. Chhaya) who passed her official reading HiSET exam during the last quarter. She demonstrated very strong comprehension skills and inference and interpretation skills.
- ✓ This quarter we welcome our new student (Mrs. Billi) who has come into the program, taking off and running in terms

of getting her coursework completed and demonstrating strong content reading skills and test readiness in science.

- ✓ We also welcome our new student, Ms. Ashley, who has entered into the program with passing scores in 4 out of the 5 HiSET subject test areas.
- ✓ We commend our 2019 Online GED/HiSET Cohort for their commitment toward earning their high school equivalency diploma. They have put in the clock hours to meet or exceed the weekly minimum academic expectations. They have also worked exceptionally hard to improve their essay writing skills.

<p>Position Statement: In my opinion, the government should not use the gold standard for currency. (Extend this statement by adding your main points 1 and 2, which will strengthen this statement).</p>	
<p>Main Idea 1: First, the long-term stability of the gold standard has a cost: short-term stability.</p>	<p>Main Idea 2: The second disadvantage of the gold standard, (delete the comma) is the cost of producing gold reserves.</p>
<p>Textual Evidence to support Main Idea 1: For example, historically, events such as the California Gold Rush (which resulted in a sudden increase in gold) and the Civil War (which destroyed infrastructure, making the goods scarce) caused a major inflation under the gold standard. (paragraph #4)</p>	<p>Textual Evidence to support Main Idea 2: According to Economist Milton Friedman, he estimated that, in 1960, the cost of maintaining a full gold standard would be 2.5% of the Gross National Product (GNP). (paragraph #5)</p>
<p>Explanation of T.E. #1 Since historical events such as the California Gold Rush and the Civil War caused major inflation under the gold standard, the government should take into consideration how the gold standard would effect the economy in today's society.</p> <p>Revisit the sample template that I sent to the cohort. Review it carefully. Also, view the video on How to Write Your Essay.</p> <p>You are missing your transitions here. Also, it sounds as if you are rewording your T.E. instead of explaining it. Ask yourself, "What is the author saying in this T.E.? What message does the author want to convey to the reader?" (Apply these comments for both).</p> <p>Source: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DtDg1S3rmu4</p>	<p>Explanation of T.E. #2 If the cost of maintaining a full gold standard, in 1960, was estimated to be 2.5% of the Gross National Product, who is to say that the cost of maintaining a full gold standard would not be a lot higher today.</p>
<p>In conclusion, the government should not use the gold standard due to the cost of producing gold reserves and the stability issues. Since history likes to repeat itself, it would not be a good idea to utilize the gold standard until the government has taken into consideration the situations that have occurred while using the gold standard. This is a workable conclusion. There has been some debate about using the transition "In conclusion." However, this is a good transition into your conclusion statement. It lets me know as a reader that you are closing out your essay.</p>	

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clearly stated thesis, strengthen by each main idea that they intend to discuss in the body of their essay. Students are being made aware of the importance of transitions as they work on ensuring that they present a logical, cohesive essay. While students may have initially been concerned about writing on unfamiliar topics, they continue to demonstrate progress as they show improvement in identifying and citing supportive textual evidence (T.E.) and giving a reasonable explanation of the T.E. based on their own understanding. Students apply extensive feedback (as seen above in red) to improve their drafts in order to submit their final essay draft online as part of their personalized writing coursework. Our intensive essay writing has proven to be successful in terms of students' developing the skills that they need in order to demonstrate proficiency on their official exam.

What's New at YOURpath?

New and exciting things are continuing to take place at YOURpath.

- **New Program Structure:** In 2019, we formed our 1st GED/HiSET Cohort and we are proud to announce that our adult students have taken off running in the program. Students have shown true accountability in terms of meeting expectations and demonstrating a commitment toward earning their H.S. diploma.
- **Facebook Learning Community:** While we are proud of all our social media platforms, our Facebook learning community has really grown in membership. Our vision for the community is unfolding as students and other learners' participation, encouragement, and engagement increase exponentially.
- **Catfish Guests:** Since our inception, we have had a few visitors disguising as students. While we understand that newness attracts spectators, YOURpath's only competition is with itself and our mission is to help make a DIFFERENCE in education as it relates to helping adult students (without a diploma) earn their high school credential. Today, in the U.S., there are still millions of adults without a H.S. diploma. This means that there is enough students for every program to exist!