

Welcome to Science!

Directions:

1. Take out a sheet of paper and pen/pencil.
2. In the upper right hand corner, write your name, period, seat number, & today's date.
3. On the first line, title your page, "My Previous Science Experience."
4. Follow the outline below to write a 5 paragraph essay regarding your previous science experience.
5. **Indent for each new paragraph!**

Paragraph 1: This will be the introduction of your essay. _

- a) Introduce your essay, provide background information.
 1. What grade are you in?
 2. At what school did you take your last science class?
 3. What grade did you earn both semesters?
- b) Describe your feeling/attitude about science.
 1. Do you like or dislike science in general?
 2. Did you have a positive or negative experience in your last science class.
 3. Explain why you had a positive or negative experience.

Paragraphs 2, 3, & 4: These three paragraphs are the body of your essay.

2nd Paragraph: a) Describe what the word SCIENCE means to you.

1. What do you envision a scientist to be?
2. What skills do you think a scientist should have?
3. What skills do you think you should learn in science.
4. Why is taking science in high school important?

3rd Paragraph: b) Describe your last science experience and what you learned.

1. What science class did you take?
2. Explain what you liked or did not like about the class.
3. What was challenging for you? Explain.
4. What was easy for you? Explain.
5. Describe on lab or class project that you liked best.

4th Paragraph: c) Describe *how* you learn in science classes.

1. Explain the steps you take to learning/studying.
2. How do you feel about working in teams? Do you see the value in working together?
3. How do you feel about working independently?
4. Do you learn better when you have the opportunity to practice the content?
5. What do you do when you need help? How do you get assistance? Do you ask the teacher, friends, try to figure it out on your own, or do you not ask for help?

Paragraph 5: This is the conclusion of your essay.

1. What topics do you hope to learn this year.
2. What grade do you hope to achieve in this science class.
3. How hard are you willing to work for a good grade.

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