

Back in Chapter 3, Lawn Boy had to make a choice. He could either mow lawns and earn a lot of money or he could enjoy his summer vacation just doing whatever he wanted. He chose to work.

Now he is seeing the very good consequences of his labor. At the beginning of the summer, all he wanted was a new bicycle inner tube and maybe to help his parents with their money problems. In your opinion, were those good goals? _____ Why? _____

Money can certainly make life easier, but can it solve all problems? Listen to this classic song and decide if you agree with their main idea or not.

Fill in the missing lyrics.

Can't _____ me love, love
Can't buy me love

I'll buy you a diamond _____ my friend
If it makes you _____ all right.
I'll get you _____ my friend
If it makes you feel all _____,
'Cause I don't _____ too much for money
For money can't buy me _____.

_____ buy me love
Everybody _____ me so
Can't buy me love
No, no, no, no

I'll give you _____ I've _____ to give
If you say _____
I may not have a lot _____,
But what I've got, I'll _____
I don't care too much _____.
Money _____ love.

What is the main idea of the song? _____
Do you agree with it? _____ Explain. Include at least 1 example and 2 reasons to support your opinion. _____

What is money good for? _____
How can money be bad? _____

Do you think money is mostly a tool for good or a tool for evil? _____

Next you will write an essay explaining your view of money. First, write a topic sentence telling whether you think money is mostly good or mostly bad.

I. Introduction

Topic Sentence: In my opinion, _____.

Big Idea A: Money can _____.

Big Idea B: Money can also _____.

Big Idea C: However, money cannot _____.

II. Body Paragraph A

Restate Big Idea A: It is true that money _____.

Supporting Detail 1: _____

Supporting Detail 2: _____

Supporting Detail 3: _____

III. Body Paragraph B

Restate Big Idea B: It is true that money _____.

Supporting Detail 1: _____

Supporting Detail 2: _____

Supporting Detail 3: _____

IV. Body Paragraph C

Restate Big Idea C: It is true that money _____.

Supporting Detail 1: _____

Supporting Detail 2: _____

Supporting Detail 3: _____

V. Conclusion

Restate Topic Sentence: In conclusion, _____

Summarize 3 Big Ideas: _____

Ending statement: _____

Finally, use the graphic organizer on the previous page to write the final draft of your essay.

Title: _____
by _____

Have a peer read and answer these questions about your essay:

Did the author...

have a strong topic sentence?

start every sentence with a Capital letter?

end every sentence with a period or question mark? _____

always Capitalize the word "I"?

have interesting ideas? _____

convince you to agree with him/her? _____

What other suggestions or comments do you have for this essay?

NAME: _____