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# **SAT: Writing the Essay**

The following excerpt is the description of the “Essay” according to *College Board*:

The SAT essay measures your ability to:

* develop a point of view on an issue presented in an excerpt
* support your point of view using reasoning and examples from your reading, studies, experience, or observations
* follow the conventions of standard written English

The essay gives you an opportunity to show how effectively you can develop and express ideas. You should, therefore, take care to develop your point of view, present your ideas logically and clearly, and use language precisely.

Your essay must be written on the lines provided on your answer sheet — you will receive no other paper on which to write. You will have enough space if you write on every line, avoid wide margins, and keep your handwriting to a reasonable size. Remember that people who are not familiar with your handwriting will read what you write. Try to write or print so that what you are writing is legible to those readers.

1. Go to <http://www.princetonreview.com/sat-essay.aspx>
	1. What are the FIVE big tips for the essay? List each and write a short description.
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7. <http://sat.collegeboard.org/practice/writing-sat-essay?pageId=practiceWritingEssay&tabValue=strategies>

Read over the descriptions of the main strategies suggested here. In 1 sentence below, summarize all 3.

1. Read the article at: <http://www.examiner.com/article/the-6-key-qualities-of-top-scoring-sat-essays>

What are the 6 key qualities mentioned?

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What surprised you about these?

1. Go to <http://www.sparknotes.com/testprep/books/newsat/chapter6.rhtml> Read through each section (click “continue to the next section”) of the chapter and jot down notes on each below
* ***Know Your Customers***
* ***Know Your Ingredients***
* ***Know How to Put Your Ingredients Together***
1. Go to <http://www.majortests.com/sat/essay-formats.php>
	1. Describe the two suggested formats for the essay
2. Format One: The one-example essay

Paragraph 1:

Paragraph 2:

Paragraph 3:

Paragraph 4:

Paragraph 5:

1. Format Two: The two-example essay

Paragraph 1:

Paragraph 2:

Paragraph 3:

Paragraph 4:

Paragraph 5: