

Expository Writing- Explaining the causes and effects of anorexia.

WebQuest Description: This WebQuest aims to explore students expository writing skills while investigating the causes and effects of anorexia.

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Introduction

Seventeen-year-old Maria has been on one diet or another since she was in junior high. She recently lost 10 pounds from an already slender frame after becoming a strict vegetarian. Her parents are concerned about the weight loss, but Maria insists that she's just under stress at school. Meanwhile, her vegetarian diet is becoming stricter by the day. Maria obsessively counts calories, measures food portions, and weighs herself at least twice a day. She refuses to eat at restaurants, in the school cafeteria, or anywhere else in public, and she lives on salad dressed with vinegar, rice cakes, and sugar-free Jell-O. Maria also has a large stash of fat-free candy in her room. She allows herself to indulge as long as she goes for a run right afterwards. Do you know how to write an expository essay? Have you ever worry about your weight? Would you consider becoming anorexic to loose weight?Come lets dive into this world.

Tasks

You and your group members will investigate websites, videos and documentaries on expository writing and anorexia. Students will complete a worksheet on the causes and effects of anorexia. Students will complete a 400 word cause and effect expository essay. Students will plan a mini presentation on their findings.

Process

The teacher will provide students with web sites Students will view the following websites: http://helpguide.org/mental/anorexia_signs_symptoms_causes_treatment.htm http://www.ehealthmd.com/library/anorexia/AN_O_causes.html <http://www.mirror-mirror.org/anorexia-causes.htm> http://www.healthypalace.com/eating-disorders/main/what-causes-anorexia-and-bulimia-in-teens/menu-id-961/http://essayinfo.com/essays/expository_essay.php <http://www.studygs.net/wrtstr3.htm> http://www.bestessaytips.com/expository_essay.php Do these sites provide relevant and up to date information on the topic? Is there a balance in the information provided to enable you to write an effective expository essay? Students will email the teacher the plan for their mini presentation. Students will do sample copies of their essay to be used in class discussion.

Evaluation

Category and Score	Beginning 1	Developing 2	Very Good 3	Exemplary 4	Score
Identify cause and effect	Incompetence in addressing the criteria Frequent, inaccurate use of language.	Competence in addressing the criteria Some ability to use language accurately and effectively but with some inconsistency.	Superiority in addressing the criteria Very good use of language though there maybe the occasionally lapse in accuracy	Superiority in addressing the criteria Excellent use of language.	30%
Expository writing techniques	Incompetence in writing the essay correctly. Frequent, inaccurate use of language.	Competence in writing the essay correctly. Some ability to use language accurately and effectively but with some inconsistency	Superiority in writing the essay correctly. Very good use of language though there maybe the occasionally lapse in accuracy	Superiority in writing the essay correctly. Excellent use of language.	40%

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A well organized mini presentation plan	competence in addressing the criteria Frequent, inaccurate use of language.	Competence in addressing the criteria Some ability to use language accurately and effectively but with some inconsistency.	Superiority in addressing the criteria Very good use of language though there maybe the occasionally lapse in accuracy.	Superiority in addressing the criteria Excellent use of language.	20%
Content	Too little information presented on the content area to make an assessment.	Minimal information given on the content area to make an assessment.	Enough information presented on the content area to make an assessment.	Maximum information presented on the content area to make an assessment.	10%
				Total Score	%100

Conclusion

Now that you written the expository essay and have discovered the causes and effects of anorexia you might want to visit other websites to continue your search on the topic. Write a reflection on how the information has impacted on you.

Teacher Page

Focus: The objective of this webquest is to help students to write a cause/effect expository essay on the causes and effects of anorexia. It will help them to practice their expository writing skills. Objectives: I recommend that the format of the cause/effect expository essay be taught before this activity be done. They will learn about the causes and effects of anorexia. Students will discover that anorexia is a disorder that affect people all over the world. Students will complete worksheets with guided questions on causes and effects of anorexia after viewing web sites. Students will prepare a plan for a mini presentation on their findings. Students will write an expository essay on the causes and effects of anorexia. Students will have fun diving into the world of anorexia. Evaluation Marks will be awarded as follows: Content - 5 marks Language usage - 5 marks Organization of content - 10 marks Content The answer will be judged for its accuracy of details and their original linkages and completeness Clarity in respect of purpose/intent Consistency of focus Language Usage Sentences must be complete. Subjects and verbs must agree. Pronouns must agree with its antecedents. There must be consistency in the use of tense. There must be effective and appropriate transitions between sentences. Correct spelling and proper use of punctuation marks. Organization of Content Arrangement presented through sequencing of ideas, concept of paragraph cohesive ties and

Standards

Credits

Other