

WPE Practice Topic:
The Wrong Kind of Teacher

You will have 90 minutes to write on the essay topic that follows. Please read the directions below before you begin to write.

DIRECTIONS:

1. Read the topic a couple of times and note what it requires you to do. Complete all the tasks of the assignment.
2. You have 90 minutes to write on the essay topic. Take time to plan and organize your essay before you begin to write. (Scratch outlines are often quite helpful.)
3. Make sure that you support or illustrate general points with specific evidence and concrete examples.
4. Allow yourself enough time after writing to review your essay, check for errors and omissions, and make the necessary corrections.
5. The essay topic is designed to give you an opportunity to demonstrate your ability to write clearly and effectively. Perfection is not expected, but you should try to produce the best essay possible in the time allotted.

TOPIC:

Every teacher has a slightly different way of teaching, but when you have been a student for a while you begin to recognize distinct types. There are funny teachers, serious teachers, brilliant-but-disorganized teachers, lecture-oriented teachers, discussion-oriented teachers, tricky teachers, teachers who just read the textbook to the class, and many other types. Just as teachers have different teaching styles, students have different learning styles, and certain types of teachers don't work for certain individuals.

(1) Identify a type of instructor you have had whose teaching style does not work for you. (2) Explain how that type of instructor teaches, and (3) why this type of teaching doesn't help you learn. Illustrate your points with specific examples, but please do not name the instructors you are describing.