

Instructions:

Do not write your corrections on this sheet. Use the answer sheet: "Rotations: Foundations of an Essay" to correct these essays' missing or incorrect components. On the answer sheet, Station #1 has a "thesis" blank and a "restated thesis" blank. Notice how both of those positions are underlined in the essay below. The underlined areas in each "station/ essay" are either missing or incorrect. You will correct those elements on your answer sheet.

### Station 1

**Prompt: Write an essay stating your position on whether violent video games lead to violence in the real world.**

Video games are things that a lot of people (mostly teenagers) play for fun. Many people are asking if violent video games cause people to be violent in real life, the answer is no. One reason is because they actually take their anger out in the virtual world instead of the real one. Another reason is that a lot of games that are violent the player is required to save the world/people.

Video games can at times calm the player so they don't become violent in real life. One example is the video game *Skyrim* because the player is completing quests, which calms them and also makes them feel better. In the video game *Skyrim*, the player can just goof around and have fun just doing as they please.

Most violent video games give the player a chance to save the world or people. An example of this is the game *Crisis* in which the player saves the world from aliens. Also, in the game *Crisis* the player saves the other characters, which encourages them to help others in the real world.

In conclusion, violent video games do not cause people to be violent in the real world, but actually encourage them to be nice to others. One reason is because the game could take the players' anger away. Another reason is that people will become nicer.

## Station 2

**Prompt: Write an essay stating your position on whether or not museums are an important part of society.**

**Museums are a place where history comes alive. Museums are an important part of society because they provide an accurate depiction of history and preserve artifacts for future generations.**

**Museums are an important part of society because they depict history. At a museum, a person is able to see, touch, and experience history. Being present is more effective than just reading about it in a textbook. For example, at the Pearl Harbor museum, one is able to go and stand over the remains of the Arizona and feel empathy for the soldiers. It paints a picture for the guests of what it was like during the war. Museums serves as a window into the past.**

**Another reason museums are an important part of society is because they preserve artifacts for future generations. Museums act as a time capsule. For example, \_\_\_\_\_**

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**\_\_\_\_\_ Museums keep pieces of history safe and in good condition for future generations.**

**In conclusion, museums are an important part of society because they provide an accurate glance into history. Also, they preserve artifacts for future generations. Museums allow society to learn about the past, so that they can make educated decisions for the future.**

### Station 3

**Prompt: Write an essay stating your position on whether or not laziness can affect one's health.**

**Many people are known to be or are considered lazy. Being lazy comes with a list of consequences. Two of these consequences are becoming unhappy and the risk of getting one of various health problems.**

**Laziness can cause a person to be unhappy, feel bad about themselves, and frustrated. Overall, laziness leads to an irritable and unhappy lifestyle, while being active creates a happier and more productive life. For example, \_\_\_\_\_**

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**Being lazy can also cause various health problems, such as heart disease, diabetes, obesity, and depression. Most of these conditions are life threatening to couch potatoes around the globe. If a person were to continue with their normal lifestyle and be lazy, they could be exposed to different types of ailments. For example, \_\_\_\_\_**

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**Two ways laziness can affect one's health are by making them unhappy and leading to various health conditions. Laziness comes with a lot of consequences, so those who define themselves as "couch potatoes" should take the necessary precautions to help their health and their overall well-being.**

## Station 4

**Prompt: Write an essay stating your position on whether following the rules helps people become successful.**

When looking at how people become successful, most of the time you see that they go against the general direction to pave their own path. Going against the rules and taking risks can lead to a lot of success for a person because it decreases competition and provides motivation.

One reason not following the rules can lead to success is that it decreases competition. When looking in areas such as literature and science, one can see competition between scholars all throughout history. This is because when someone branches out and takes risks, they become less opposed. One example of this is \_\_\_\_\_

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The second way not following the rules can lead to success is because it creates motivation. Thomas Edison tried repeatedly to get the lightbulb to work. He had tried new concepts and modified his ideas, but he was struggling. Edison never gave up because he didn't want to quit on his ideas. At the time, he had a crazy idea that seemed to fail attempt after attempt, but that failure drove him to success.

The results of breaking the rules can be fantastic, especially when it enhances your success by decreasing competition and increasing motivation.

## Station 5

**Prompt: Write an essay stating your position on whether or not the past plays a vital role in determining one's future.**

What makes a person see the world the way they do? Everything a person does affects the way they make decisions. Therefore, their past plays a vital role in determining their future because experience shapes a person and the past can change the way others view that person.

One reason the past plays a vital role in determining people's futures is because experience shapes the type of decisions they make and what they have learned. For example, in the *Hunger Games*, Katniss Everdeen used survival and hunting strategies that she had learned in her youth to help her survive the games. This shows how her past, particularly being raised in a poor family that had to hunt to eat, affected her future.

Another reason the past plays a vital role in determining one's future is because their past can change the way people view them. Individuals or a community may view someone poorly because of their past choices or treatment of others. For example, the famous story taught to nearly every child, "The Boy Who Cried Wolf". In this story, \_\_\_\_\_

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One chooses how to live their life through every decision they make, and those decisions will one day affect their future. This is because the past plays a vital role in determining the future due to experience shaping a person and the past altering how others view an individual.

## Station 6

**Prompt: Write an essay stating your position on whether people should believe in legends or not.**

People should not believe in the urban legends they are told. Urban legends are used to replace boredom and are usually told just to play into people's fears. These urban legends that are being told should only be seen for entertainment if anything at all.

One point as to why a person should not believe in urban legends is because they were normally made to cure boredom by storytelling. For example, \_\_\_\_\_

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Another point as to why a person should not believe in urban legends is because they play into people's fears by creating a scary creature or being. For example, the Chupacabra was created to play to people's paranoia of something stealing or hurting crops or animals at night, earning the name "creature of the night or goat sucker". This peaks people's interest and fear by making them vulnerable to believing such a legend.

Society should not believe in legends. They are only used to entertain and play on fears. Therefore, urban legends should only be known as nothing but fiction.

## Station 7

**Prompt: Write an essay stating your position on whether or not the past plays a vital role in determining one's future.**

What determines one future? The past plays a major role in determining one's future because it leads to the present and past experiences influences one's thoughts and choices.

The past determines the future because it leads to the present. For example, in *Finding Nemo*, Nemo's egg was damaged before he was born, which later led to his damaged fin. Due to the weak fin, Marlin was very overprotective. This causes Nemo to rebel, sitting in motion the rest of the movie. Nemo's past led to his physical state, which changed his future.

Additionally, the past determines the future because past experiences can change how one thinks. For instance, Bruce Wayne was a normal child, but somebody murdered his parents. Because of this, Bruce was consumed by a spirit of vengeance. He chose to don a mask and suit to become Batman so he could avenge his parents and end crime in Gotham City. Batman's past changed his motivations and thought processes, which influenced his choices and future.

In conclusion, \_\_\_\_\_

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Some people think that luck or destiny controls our futures, but our past influences us more than we know.

## Station 8

**Prompt: Write an essay stating your position on whether or not being nice is more important than being popular.**

**It takes a lot of action to become popular. Often, one will be tempted to do something out of their nature or rude to gain social acceptance from others. However, it is more important to be nice than to be popular because**

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**It is more important to be nice than popular because a person who is popular yet mean is not truly respected by anyone. For instance, Regina George in *Mean Girls* is considered to be a popular person, but nobody really likes her. Even her closest "friends" hope for her eventual downfall. Regina's abrasive attitude means that people only pretend to respect her.**

**Additionally, being kind is more important than popularity because it can come with its own sense of accomplishment. For example, \_\_\_\_\_**

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**Since being rude yet popular leads to a lack of respect and being nice leads to a sense of real accomplishment, it is much more important to be nice than to be popular. One should not alienate others on the road to popularity.**