Vocabulary Set 23

Indenting: To set (the first line of a paragraph, for example) in from the margin. This is to be done EVERY TIME you start a new paragraph! Remember, new paragraph=new line!!! P.s. we DO NOT SKIP LINES BETWEEN PARAGRAPHS!!!

Hook: An **essay hook** is the first sentence of your **essay**. It serves as an introduction and works to grab the reader's attention. The first couple sentences will help your reader decide whether they want to continue reading your **essay** or not.

> A definition, background information, a question, something funny, a famous quote, statistics, or facts

Thesis Statement: a short **statement**, usually one sentence, that summarizes the main point or claim of an essay, research paper, etc., and is developed, supported, and explained in the text by means of examples and evidence. We do this sophomore year by choosing ONE side of the argument, and giving an A point and a B point. ALL ONE SENTENCE!!! A   B

Example: People shouldn't smoke because **it is bad for your health** and **it stinks**.

Topic Sentences: a sentence that expresses the main idea of the paragraph in which it occurs. This is where you discuss your point A or B from your thesis. THIS IS NOT AN EXAMPLE!!! Examples come later in the paragraph. THIS IS JUST THE MAJOR POINT.

Example: this topic sentence would be seen in body paragraph 1 of an essay about the thesis statement above.

One reason why people should not smoke is because **it is bad for your health.**

Persuasive Examples: We give examples in an essay to back up our major point for the paragraph. An example makes your essay stronger because it PROVES to your reader that you are correct. You should have TWO examples in your writing. One in body paragraph 1 backing up point A and another in body paragraph 2 backing up point B. There are four types of examples that can be used:

Literary: This is the STRONGEST type of example. This is anything that you have read, a short story, poem, essay, novel, etc.

Historical: This is the second strongest example. This is anything from history (Rosa Parks, WWII, the black plague, etc.)

Pop Culture: This is anything POPULAR. You use this if you cannot think of a literary or historical example. (Beyonce, Family Guy, Jordans, etc.)

Personal: This is the LEAST effective type of example. Only use this if you HAVE TO. This example is based on things that have happened to you or anyone that you know.