

## **Accuplacer WritePlacer Guidelines**

### **Introduction**

- Pick a side. Write a narrowed thesis (claim) statement about your opinion.
  - Be sure to stick with the side you choose throughout your entire essay.
- State a few reasons that support your opinion - Each reason becomes a topic sentence for each of your following paragraphs.

### **Body Paragraphs**

- Write a paragraph for each reason starting with a narrowed topic sentence. You will have a paragraph for each reason stated in your introduction paragraph.
- Support your claim.
  - Accuplacer is not a fact checker. You may reflect on your own experiences, experiences of others, or use creative writing.

### **Conclusion**

- Summarize your writing.
- Conclusions often restate the thesis and the reasons for your claim, while providing concluding remarks.

### **Important Tips:**

There is no spell checker or grammar checker. Use correct:

- Grammar
- Spelling
- Punctuation
- Proper Capitalization
- Sentence Structure and Length - short and long sentences, simple and complex

You may go over the 600-word limit, but try not to go under the 300-word minimum. Anything below 300 words may trigger hand scoring.

The whiteboard is a great way to create an outline to guide your writing.

The WritePlacer does not have a completion time limit however, your essay will be due 10 minutes before close at the end of the business day.

If you have a tendency to overthink your writing, type out your ideas and then clean them up.

Upon completing your essay, please print your score report. The proctor will provide it to you before you exit the Testing Center.