

## WRITING ASSIGNMENT

Your assignment for this chapter is to write an essay of five or more paragraphs on a topic related to education. Choose one of the topics from the list to write about. Use the writing model on pages 75–76 to help you. To complete the assignment, follow the steps in the writing process.

### TOPICS

- Criteria to consider when choosing a major
- Qualities of a successful student
- Factors that make a class productive and enjoyable



### Prewrite

#### STEP 1: Prewrite to get ideas.

- After selecting your topic, use a prewriting strategy such as listing (Chapter 1) or clustering (Chapter 2) to generate ideas.
- Look for related points in your list or cluster diagram. If you find anything that is completely off topic or repeated, cross it out.
- Group similar ideas together. These groups will become your body paragraphs.



### Organize

#### STEP 2: Organize your ideas.

- Decide how you want to organize your essay. Do you want to use a comparison / contrast pattern? A logical division of ideas?
- Write a thesis statement for your essay. Be sure it indicates the organization pattern you plan to use.
- Use ideas from your prewrite to make an outline as you did in Practice 10. Put your thesis statement at the top. Then, next to letters A, B, and C, write sentences that will form the topic sentences of your body paragraphs.
- In the spaces under A, B, and C, add details you will use in your body paragraphs.



### Write

#### STEP 3: Write the first draft.

- Use your outline to write your first draft. Remember to include the three parts of the essay that you studied in this chapter: an introductory paragraph (including the thesis statement), body paragraphs, and a conclusion.
- Don't worry if you think of new ideas as you write. You can add or delete ideas later. Just be sure that your new ideas support your thesis.



### Revise

#### STEP 4: Revise the draft.

- Review the content and organization of your draft. Do not try to correct errors in format, mechanics (capitalization, punctuation, and spelling), grammar, and sentence structure at this stage. You will do this in Step 5.