

January 13, 2022 Day 78

Take out your brainstorming AND the directions for the essay.

Let's look at the rubric: what to do and what NOT to do.

Goals:

- write a rough draft of the BODY paragraphs on a separate sheet of paper (*Qu 9*)
- How to Write an Introduction & Conclusion

Begin the body paragraph with a topic sentence - a general reason - NOT a quotation; the rest of the paragraph should be supporting details.

~~In the text on p. 97, it states, "Joel Salatin calls himself a grass farmer."~~

The author visits Polyface Farm, a non-industrial farm that doesn't rely on corn alone.

Introduction:

Hook: (interesting fact, quotation, comparison, or anecdote). Context/
Background. Title and Author. ***Thesis Statement.***

Follow this order!

A

You may not know it, but sweeteners, linoleum, shoe polish, plastics, baby food, and fireworks all have one thing in common: they all contain corn. This is one of the many interesting facts that one can learn in Michael Pollan's book The Omnivore's Dilemma. Pollan discusses the central role corn plays in our industrial food system. The cover of the young reader's edition, depicting a giant ear of corn, beautifully conveys the central idea of Pollan's book.

B

Just as an incredible amount of energy is released when an atom is split, so an incredible array of products can be made from splitting the kernel, a kernel of corn that is. Michael Pollan in his fascinating book The Omnivore's Dilemma suggests this comparison as he describes the central role corn plays in our industrial food system. The cover of the young reader's edition, depicting a giant ear of corn, beautifully conveys the central idea of Pollan's book.

C

"Real food is a pleasure to eat. You want to take your time and enjoy every bite. There's no point in taking your time with fast food. After a few bites you forget what you're eating." Here, Michael Pollan, the author of The Omnivore's Dilemma, is highlighting one of the important differences between real food and fast food; food is not about quickly getting rid of hunger; food, real food, is about enjoyment, pleasure, family, and friends. So much of Pollan's book is about viewing food in a new way. An ear of corn dominates the cover of the young reader's edition. The giant ear of corn on the cover does not adequately convey the central idea of Pollan's book.

D Several years ago while journalist Michael Pollan was researching a story about cattle, he came upon his first industrial feedlot, and was shocked and disgusted by what he saw. The experience led him to write an entire book, The Omnivore's Dilemma. In it Pollan describes the important role corn plays in our industrial food system. In addition, he explores alternative food chains such as local foods, and foods that are hunted and gathered. An ear of corn dominates the cover of the young reader's edition. The giant ear of corn on the cover does not adequately convey the central idea of Pollan's book.

Writing conclusions:

Reword your thesis statement. Refer back to your hook.

A That ear of corn on the cover is an excellent reminder of Pollan's important message. Our corn-based industrial food system is causing many problems. To solve these problems we may need to find other ways of making linoleum, sweeteners, baby food, and fireworks.

B That ear of corn on the cover is an excellent reminder of Pollan's important message. Our corn-based industrial food system is causing many problems. Just as atomic power is dangerous and can cause many problems, so the vast array of cheap by-products of corn may be dangerous for humans and animals alike.

C Pollan's inspiring book cannot be easily symbolized by a giant ear of corn. Readers who may be trying to break the fast food habit need to see the importance of real food not just inside the book but on the cover as well.

D Pollan's inspiring book cannot be easily symbolized by a giant ear of corn. Though corn is an important part of the industrial food chain, readers need to see on the cover the pollution, the threats to human health, and the mistreatment of animals especially in feedlots.

*Some helpful **transitional phrases**:*

- however
- for example
- First, Second, Third, etc. Finally
- similarly, likewise
- although, nevertheless, even though
- therefore, as a result, consequently
- in addition, moreover
- in other words, that is,