

An Essay Relating to Franklin's Age of Reason

Due: _____

Length: 5 paragraphs

Format: In blue or black ink on the front side of the paper only

Write neatly—if that means printing instead of cursive, then print

Topic:

Discuss one of your attempts at reaching moral perfection

- Explain the improvement that you attempted to make in your life
- Tell about your experience as you tried to become a better person
- State your opinion on the experiment --- did it work for you?

Remember these tid-bits of wisdom when writing your paper:

1. An essay is an opinion, so use first person only (I, me, mine, us, we, etc.) Never use second person in an essay (you or your)
2. When writing your thesis statement, never say things like, "In my essay I will discuss" or "I will write about ...". Just do it, and don't tell the reader that you're doing it.
3. Since the body of your essay must be three paragraphs, then divide your thoughts into three categories. You can decide what these categories will be—it's your paper—but be sure that the reader can see that the paragraphs are three separate thoughts.
4. Proofread, proofread, proofread. Get someone you trust to read your essay. Type it on the computer using "spellcheck". Misspelled words give the impression of carelessness, and you want to convey a feeling of professionalism.

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