

ASSIGNMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 13TH

• **Monday, April 13th: Using your graphic organizer, pre-writing form and/or outline from last week, write the introduction paragraph of your essay.**

- Your paragraph should be between four to eight sentences.
- The first sentence should be a hook—something about happiness or being happy that will grab the reader’s attention.
- The next couple of sentences should provide background information, exploring different ideas about happiness or naming different ways people try to find happiness.
- Write a thesis statement. Be sure that your thesis answers the prompt. For this paper, your thesis should be one sentence that names three ways people achieve happiness.
- If you would like an example of an introduction, [check out the sample essay](#). The first paragraph of the sample is an introduction paragraph. The last sentence of the first paragraph is the thesis statement

• **Tuesday, April 14th: Write the first detail paragraph of your essay.**

- Your paragraph should be between four to eight sentences.
- The main idea of this paragraph should refer to the first prong of your thesis (the first way to be happy that you listed in yesterday’s thesis sentence).
- In this paragraph, provide supporting examples and quotations that prove your thesis is correct.
- You are required to use at least one quotation in this paragraph from one of your reading passages on CommonLit.org. Include a citation.
- To see a sample essay with examples of quotes and citations, [click here](#). The second paragraph of the sample essay is the first detail paragraph. To see other examples of how to cite, [look at the essay assignment](#).

• **Wednesday, April 15th: Write the second detail paragraph of your essay.** Follow Tuesday's guidelines, only this time you are writing about the second prong of your thesis (the second way to be happy that you listed in your thesis sentence).

• **Thursday, April 16th: Write the third detail paragraph of your essay.** Follow Tuesday's guidelines, only this time you are writing about the third prong of your thesis (the third way to be happy that you listed in your thesis sentence).

• **Friday, April 17th: Write the conclusion of your essay.**

- Summarize your main ideas.
- Your paragraph should be between four to eight sentences.
- Restate your thesis. In the conclusion, you may break the thesis into three separate sentences. Do NOT word-for-word repeat the same sentences as was used in the introduction.
- Avoid new information or ideas not already previously mentioned.
- End with a strong final thought which answers the question: How do we achieve happiness?
- For an example of a conclusion, check out the sample essay (linked above). The fifth paragraph is the conclusion.