

Lend a Hand or Walk Away



Read the information in box below.

In 1955 medical researcher Jonas Salk introduced an effective polio vaccine. At the time polio was considered the biggest threat to public health, yet Salk refused to profit by patenting the vaccine because he was more concerned with preventing disease than with personal gain.

Although many people work to benefit themselves, some people choose to put others first.

Think carefully about this statement.

Prompt: Write an essay explaining whether people should be more concerned about others than about themselves.

Be sure to —

- clearly state your thesis
- organize and develop your ideas effectively and efficiently
 - Do **NOT** use 1st or 2nd person
- choose your words carefully
 - Use your **TONE WORDS** handout (I **will** take of points for lower level words, i.e., good, bad, happy, sad, etc.)
- edit your writing for grammar, mechanics, and spelling
 - Read your paper **out loud** before turning it in!

The entire process is due Friday, October 24th! Good luck and happy writing!



Helping Others Rubric

I. Style of Writing (25)	Excellent	Average	Poor	Absent
• Word Choice	5	4	2	0
• Strength of Verbs	5	4	2	0
• Vocabulary	5	4	2	0
• Sentence Variety	5	4	2	0
• Concision	5	4	2	0
II. Structure (25)	Excellent	Average	Poor	Absent
• Introduction	3	2	1	0
• Thesis	6	4	2	0
• Conclusion	3	2	1	0
• Transition	5	4	2	0
• Focus/Coherence	5	4	2	0
• Logical Organization	3	2	1	0
III. Presentation of Argument (23)	Excellent	Average	Poor	Absent
• Topic Sentences	7	5	3	0
• Concrete examples (support)	6	4	2	0
• Commentary (insight/depth of ideas)	7	5	3	0
• Repetitive Ideas	3	2	1	0
IV. MLA Formatting (15)	Excellent	Average	Poor	Absent
• Heading	3	2	1	0
• Original Title	3	2	1	0
• Margins	3	2	1	0
• Header	3	2	1	0
• Spacing	3	2	1	0
V. Grammar (12)	Excellent	Average	Poor	Absent
• Spelling	3	2	1	0
• Punctuation	3	2	1	0
• Subject/Verb agreement	3	2	1	0
• Capitalization	3	2	1	0

Name: _____

Teacher: _____

Class & Period: _____

Date: _____

Helping Others Process Rubric

	Possible Points	Teacher's Signature	Total Points Earned
<i>Brainstorming</i> (due Thursday, Oct. 9th)	5		
<i>Typed Sentence Outline</i> (due Tuesday, Oct. 14th)	15		
<i>Rough Draft # 1</i> (due Tuesday, Oct. 21st)	15		
<i>Peer Edit</i> (due Tuesday, Oct. 21st)	10		
<i>Rough Draft #2</i> (due Thursday, Oct. 23rd)	10		
<i>Clocking</i> (due Thursday, Oct. 23rd)	10		
<i>Process Rubric Sheet</i> (due Friday, Oct. 24th)	10		
<i>Final Paper</i> (due Friday, Oct. 24th)	15		
<i>Arrangement is in Order</i> (due Friday, Oct. 24th)	10		
TOTAL GRADE:	Out of 100 points		

Please Note: If process rubric is not in the folder when it is turned in, the entire process will be counted as a zero. Please keep up with your rubric. If you lose it, check the website for a new one and get my signature on the turned in items before due date.