

ENG 102 – DIAGNOSTIC WRITING TOPICS

DIRECTIONS: Listed below are topics and thesis statements to which you are to respond in essay form (**4-5 paragraphs only, 350-400 words**). First select a topic or a thesis statement and then think about what you want to write. **Do not begin to write immediately without thinking about any of these topics.** In other words, plan your ideas before you begin to write. Next, write your essay. After you have read your essay, proofread it for organization, with the introduction paragraph first, a thesis statement (main idea), developing paragraphs, a conclusion paragraph, and for grammar errors.

1. The worst job I ever had was _____. (This can be a paid or unpaid job.) Use examples and details to illustrate your view.
2. My favorite CD for 2002 was _____. (Name your favorite CD and explain the reasons that it was your favorite.)
3. If you could visit a geographical location outside of the United States, what would it be? Write about the location and why you want to visit this particular place.
4. High school did (or did not) prepare me for college. Use examples and details to illustrate your view.
5. As a Jefferson student, you undoubtedly have ideals you want to accomplish while here. What are some of these ideals you have? Discuss in detail.