

Day 19. Single Topic Essays

Lesson Outline

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

All university students should be required to take at least one class that teaches the culture of a country other than their own.

Use specific reasons and details to support your answer.

➤ 한 학생의 essay

Some people might say that universities should teach students about various countries' cultures so that students can have a global perspective and be open to others from different cultural backgrounds. However, I am convinced that it is not a good idea that all university students should be required to take a class that teaches the culture of a foreign country. This is because not only can students experience various cultures outside of the university, but they also need to focus on studying more practical subjects.

First of all, university students can easily learn about various cultures outside of the university. These days, it is not hard to meet foreign people in one's country and experience diverse cultures. (1) College students have many chances to spend time with exchange students who come from various countries such as Japan, the US, or India. In addition to this, (2) during summer or winter vacations, students can travel abroad to meet people in various countries and experience their cultures. Therefore, there are many chances for students to learn about foreign cultures without taking a class.

Moreover, university studies should help students find better jobs. These days, companies want to hire employees who have various abilities such as language fluency. In this circumstance, students should focus on subjects that help them to land jobs.

Learning Strategies

✓ Topic sentence 하나 밖에 생각 안 날 때?

✓ 겁먹지 말고 2개의 () 와 1개의 () 로 출발

College students have many chances to spend time with exchange students who come from various countries such as Japan, the US, or India. For example, last year I had a chance to meet a Turkish exchange student who came to the university I attend. While hanging out with him, ...

During summer or winter vacations, students can travel abroad to meet people in various countries and experience their cultures firsthand. For instance, during my first summer vacation, I traveled around European countries. I had great chances to see their traditional clothing and experience each country's unique cuisine. ...

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

You should make sure that others (for example, influential people or potential employers) know about your strengths and accomplishments. If you do not do so, you will not be successful in your life.

Use specific reasons and details to support your answer

Practice

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

It is better to buy a new technological device right away than to wait until others have adopted it.

Use specific reasons and details to support your answer.

For example, three years ago, I bought the newest smart phone right after it was released. When I first began using it, the battery did not last very long. The battery never lasted longer than 6 hours. That really bothered me. Once people began complaining about the battery, the company remedied the defect. My younger sister bought one after they corrected the problem. Of course, her battery lasted longer than mine.

For instance, I recently bought a brand-new car navigation device. According to the advertisement, it should have shown me the fastest routes during rush hour. But the navigation delivered wrong traffic information sometimes. When I drove as the navigation device instructed, I always got stuck in traffic. Due to the device, I was often late for work, and I often arrived at meetings after others. I regretted buying the device even more when I heard the device was upgraded after I had bought it.

Vocabulary Tips

1. 시간

time to do / for (동) 명사

- **take**

내가 피자(pizza) 요리하는데 많은 시간(many hours)이 걸린다.

2. 돈

money to do / money for (동)명사

- **cost**

내가 인터넷 사용하는데 한 달에 20 달러(20 dollars a month)가 든다.

- **pay**

- **spend**

It is not wise to spend money to have fun.

- **시간 낭비 / 돈 낭비**

가주어 진주어 쓸 것

Check-Up Drills

Sample (1)

우리 아버지는 한번도 나에게 용돈(an allowance)을 준 적이 없다. 그는 내가 그것을 받은 그 날 (the day)에 그것 모두(all of it)를 쓸 것이라고 생각했다.

Vocabulary never: 한 번도 ~없는

⇒ My father never gave me an allowance. He thought I would spend all of it on the day I got it.

Sample (2)

도시(a city)에 사는 사람들은 급속한 도시화(rapid urbanization)에 의해 야기된 환경 오염으로부터의 보호(protection)에 큰 돈을 지불한다.

Vocabulary a great cost: 큰 돈

⇒ People living in a city pay a great cost for protection from environmental pollution caused by rapid urbanization.