

Step-by-Step Guide on how to write a good ACT essay. Day One

Step 1

For practice, you will need the following:

- The timer app on your phone. Set the timer for five minutes (5:00)
- Your personal computer

Step 2

Understand what will be asked of you ...

- **You will be provided with an essay prompt (description of an issue) and three ‘perspectives’ (three suggested ways to answer the prompt).**
- **You will have 40 total minutes to complete your essay question.**
- **Your GOAL is to write a five-paragraph answer in 25 minutes, spending five minutes on each paragraph.**
 - **This way you will have extra time for one or two paragraphs if you need it.**
 - **It gives you some extra time to organize your thoughts on how you want to answer.**
 - **It gives you time to read over your answer and make corrections if needed.**