

Attention: Here is a cheat-sheet for your next Student Dialogue. Please take these items into consideration when you are writing your essay:

1. Always takes notes (annotate using SOLLIDDD or SOAPSTONE) for each reading. Include those notes in your notebook, as I will look for them in your 6-week notebook checks.
2. Use your notes to help you write the paper. In this case, your essay will be *Stone Soup* (page 177).
3. Read the biography. Does this inform the essay at all?
4. Does the title itself provide any additional meaning?
5. Notice that the author uses analogies to express her thesis. This may be one of the devices you want to use in your essay.
6. She opens her essay with a question. Why is this effective?
7. Opening paragraph is anecdotal; how does that affect us emotionally?
8. The essay jumps from anecdotal to several other types of argument. What are they? Why does she do this? Is it effective? Are the constant shifts in argument choppy or seamless?
9. She makes use of many allusions.
10. There is an interesting dialogue at the end of the essay; why is this a strong conclusion?
11. Be sure to include her ideas on family and how she uses her personal experiences to bolster her credibility.

Remember: MLA, two-pages, and roughly four paragraphs. I am not going to tell you exactly how many paragraphs to write--you need to write as much as it takes to be effective. Also, focus on author style. The "how" is more important than the "what".