

Starter Quiz

AP English Language and Composition Name: _____ Score: _____

1. An introduction must state the thesis.

☐ True ☐ False
2. "In this essay I will argue that..." is best described as...

☐ a method of development

☐ a label announcing an argument rather than making one

☐ a strong thesis

☐ required by the rubric
3. The CED requires a thesis statement to list the reasons the essay will give.

☐ True ☐ False
4. The thesis should be written...

☐ after you know what your evidence supports

☐ last, after the conclusion

☐ in the second body paragraph

☐ before reading the sources
5. A comparison paragraph fails most often because the writer omits...

☐ the category of comparison

☐ the second subject

☐ the conclusion

☐ a quotation
6. In a comparison paragraph, the category of comparison should appear...

☐ before either subject

☐ at the end

☐ in the conclusion

☐ only if the subjects are similar
7. The weakest conclusion is one that...

☐ situates the argument in a broader context

- ☐ explains the argument’s significance
- ☐ presents the thesis in earned language
8. A longer introduction generally improves a timed AP essay.

☐ True ☐ False
9. Select **all** the errors the CED’s double statement guards against.

☐ a mechanical list of three reasons

☐ a thesis that previews nothing

☐ a rigid essay that cannot develop

☐ a defensible thesis

Tick every correct option.
10. A thesis is specific enough when you can name a paragraph it _____ out.

1. **False**

It **may**; the CED lists orienting the reader, establishing exigence and gaining attention as its jobs.

2. **a label announcing an argument rather than making one**

It costs a sentence the body needed and takes no position of its own.

3. **False**

It says a thesis **may** preview the reasoning and is **not required** to list reasons.

4. **after you know what your evidence supports**

It appears first but should be written near the end of planning.

5. **the category of comparison**

Without a stated category, the paragraph is two descriptions side by side.

6. **before either subject**

The category tells the reader what both subjects are about to be measured on.

7. **re-lists what the essay already said**

It uses the most memorable position for the least new information.

8. **False**

Four of the six points live in the body; sentences spent on the opening are taken from evidence.

9. **a mechanical list of three reasons; a thesis that previews nothing; a rigid essay that cannot develop**

A defensible thesis is the requirement, not an error.

10. **rules**

If it rules nothing out, it is not directing the essay.