Title of lesson: Multi-paragraph essay

Suggested grade/age: 7

Approximate time needed to complete lesson: This is part of a larger unit. This lesson could be done in a 45 minute class period.

Learning objective(s) and significance of lesson:
(Why is this lesson important in the development of your students’ skills or knowledge? What do you want students to learn or be able to do? What “best practice” does this lesson incorporate?)

This lesson is a good starting point for students to practice organizing their ideas for a multi-paragraph essay. It also provides a scaffolded model on how to structure and essay. Students have a chance to share their writing with a peer during the drafting process which is helpful for both the students. Once completed, students can use their work as a reference.

Brief summary/outline of lesson:
(What steps do you take to implement this lesson in your classroom? Where is this lesson located in the school year or unit—beginning, middle, end? Does this lesson scaffold or build to a culminating assessment or demonstration of learning?)

This lesson is something that could be used at the beginning of a school year as is part of a larger unit on essay writing. Prior to this lesson students would have completed some guided notes on structure and terms associated with an essay. After students complete this lesson, they move on to the edit, revise, and rewrite stage of the writing process.

Related Resources:
(What technology, articles, books, or supplies do you recommend?)

This lesson is made easier with the use of a LCD projector that is connected to a computer. It is much easier to model the steps, show examples, and use video than using other devices. This lesson would also work with the use of a smart board.

Possible extensions or adaptations for different purposes/student needs:

I can gradually release more of the writing process to the students as they become more confident in their ability by slowly removing pieces of the structure such as the guided outlines or the graphic organizer.

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