

## **SAT Essay Writing Tips**

### **1. Adopt a clear opinion.**

- Express your view clearly in your thesis statement.
- Ideally choose one of their views. Middle ground is okay as long as you still express your view very clearly (but it's better to avoid middle ground).

### **2. Have three main points that form paragraphs.**

- Use examples to make your case.

### **3. Stay on topic. Spend at least 15 minutes writing, ideally 20 minutes.**

### **4. Start each paragraph with a transitional word or phrase, and a clear statement of the point you're making in that paragraph.**

- Examples of transition words: "First, ..." "In addition, ..." "Next, ..." "Finally, ..."

### **5. Chose words and idioms correctly. Use good grammar.**

- Using big vocabulary words can help, but only if you use them correctly.

### **6. Write an introduction with a clear thesis statement and a conclusion.**

- Remember to recognize the complexities of the question in your introduction and conclusion.