

INFORMATIONAL ESSAY #2

Name _____

DIRECTIONS: Read *Everyone Learns Differently* and answer the questions that follow.

Everyone Learns Differently

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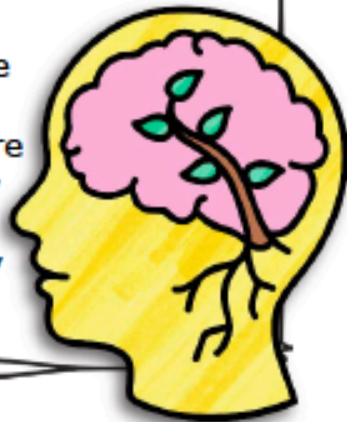
How would you like to spend less time studying for tests, but get better grades? Some experts say that this is possible, simply by knowing how your brain learns new information. Research has shown there are three types of learners: those who learn by seeing information (visual learners), those who learn by hearing information (auditory learners), and those who learn by doing (tactile learners). Identifying how you learn best is the key to successful studying.

Many people learn by seeing information. Visual learners learn by reading information written in handouts or books. They also learn from graphs, charts, and pictures. For this reason, visual learners should study by taking notes, making outlines, and using highlighters to make text stand out. These tricks will help visual learners succeed.

Another way people learn is by hearing information. This is auditory learning. These learners learn and remember information when they hear it aloud. Since they learn through hearing, it is helpful for them to study by using a tape recorder to record their notes. They should even repeat facts with their eyes closed. Since auditory learners learn by listening, these tips will lead to successful studying.

A third type of learner learns by "doing." They are called "tactile" learners. Tactile learners learn best by touching or experiencing things. They remember best by experiencing "hands-on" learning, or by writing things down. In order to study effectively, tactile learners can use flashcards or flipbooks. They may also need frequent breaks to get up and walk around. Because tactile learners learn by doing, they will be successful students by adding writing or movement.

People learn differently. Time spent studying can be more useful if the studying takes into account each individual's learning style. When students learn whether they are visual, auditory, or tactile learners, they will know how to make the best use of study time. Isn't it great to know that simple changes to your study habits can lead to greater success?



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1. What is the **topic** of the essay?

2. What is the **purpose** of the essay? This is the **main idea**.

3. Look at the **hook**, which is also called a **lead**. How has the writer decided to begin this essay?

4. Which sentence in the first paragraph tells the reader exactly what the essay is going to be about? This is the **thesis statement**.

5. How many **body paragraphs** are in this essay? _____
6. Why has the writer included this number of body paragraphs?

7. How are the body paragraphs **organized**? This is called **structure**.

8. Which **key words** tell you that the text is organized in this way?

9. What **type of information** does the writer use to **develop** each body paragraph?

10. What is the purpose of the **concluding paragraph**?

Describe what makes a good teacher and why those qualities are important.

Describe

Which rules are absolutely necessary in school, and why are they necessary?

Describe

What is the most interesting career you can imagine having, and why is it so interesting?

Describe