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9th Honors English

**“How to Name a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_” Essay**

Now that you have become more familiar with the informal essay, you will be emulating Thurber’s style/organization and writing an essay about how to name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. You will need to include the following elements in your essay:

1. **At least three categories of your topic**. Thurber uses the Coy, Cryptic, Wits, and Cynical, and then describes these people and gives examples of the types of names they choose for dogs. You should do the same, but with your topic, and you may **not** use the same categories that Thurber chose.
2. **Two anecdotes.** These can be actual experiences or stem from experiences. For example, perhaps you have heard of someone called Blue Ivy, and you speculate the conversation her parents had when thinking of the name.
3. **A digression and recognition of it**. Thurber digresses several times, realizes it, and gets the essay back on track. Do this in your essay at least once.

**\*\*Note:** These elements do not have to be in any particular order.

Your essay should range freely over your subject – do NOT write a 5-paragraph essay. It should be in a conversational style and reveal some things about your personality as well.

**Grading**

**Content**

\_\_\_\_/6 Categories and explanations of those categories

\_\_\_\_/4 Two anecdotes

\_\_\_\_/2 Digression

\_\_\_\_/1 Ranges freely

\_\_\_\_/2 Conversational style/ Writer’s Personality

**Conventions**

\_\_\_\_/5

**Total**

\_\_\_\_ /20

**\*\***All essays must be typed and n**o more than two pages double spaced/ MLA format**

Possible topics to consider:  nail polish, cologne or perfume, cars, jeans, mascots, song titles, band names, inventions, regions, Celebrities kids’ names, restaurants, street names, sports, stores, etc...

If you have another idea run it by me first.  Be appropriate in your essay.  You don’t want to offend anyone.