Week 8 Brainstorming and Thesis Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Step 1: Mark your chosen essay prompt:

 1) What makes a person an adult? Is it behavior or age? If behavior, what types? If age, at what age does a person become an adult?

2) Should teenagers be allowed to work, or should they wait to get a job until they are through with their education? Consider the advantages and risks.

Step 2: Brainstorm on a separate sheet of paper, which you will attach. Dig deeply.

• What are my options? The first option might be behavior or age, work or wait. Then move from there to what your options are when you agree or disagree with each option. Look at the meanings of the main words to create more options. Consider advantages and disadvantages.

 • What about each option are reasons I would chose it? Why?

 • What about each option are reasons I wouldn’t chose it? Why not?

Step 3: Choose the five best answers to support *your* *argument*.

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**Step 4**: Decide what your opinion will be for your essay and circle or star the **three best** points in the list above that support your argument.

Step 5: Fill in the form with your subject and opinion.

I am writing about\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(**subject**), and will argue, show, or

prove\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(**opinion**).

Step 6: Write a one sentence working thesis statement, including your three strongest arguments.

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