Do not use the vernacular (profanity and words or expressions used in day-to-day speech that are inappropriate to formal writing). Examples: “You the man!” “really pissed off” “getting shafted”

Avoid writing in the first person. You are attempting to write about a given topic, not about yourself. And I promise you, the teacher is more than aware of both the author and the audience. (Ex. – I, me)

Do not use contractions (unless, of course, in quoted material). “is not” not “isn’t”

Avoid sentence fragments. All sentences must have a subject and a verb. The most common error is the use of a phrase as a sentence. “John died as the war ended” not “John died. *When the war ended*.”

Beware creeping capitalization. Proper nouns, battles, wars, and so forth are capitalized (a preceding article is generally not capitalized, for example, “the War of 1812” not “The War of 1812”). Use capitalization for proper nouns (ex. Mr. Handley), Titles (ex. King Arthur), historical time periods (Ex. the Middle Ages). Special cases of NO capitalization- general names (ex. knight, king, professor, etc.)

There, their, they’re!!!

Proofread your paper.

In this essay, you will do three things:

1. Summarize one of the Monty Python scenes below
2. Explain what aspect of medieval life it is parodying
3. Explain why the scene is funny

Your essay must begin with a cohesive introductory paragraph that contains a well-formulated thesis statement . Each section of your essay must be well organized and structured. Transition words must be employed. Standard English spelling and grammar must be adhered to. The essay must end with a well-structured concluding paragraph. The essay must be typed in 12 point font and double spaced. TWO PAGES.

**Outline for Monty Python Essay**

This must be handed in with your essay.

1. In the film “Monty Python and the Holy Grail”, the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ scene parodies

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1. Description of the scene

A.

B.

C.

1. The aspect of medieval life that this scene is parodying is

A.

B.

C.

1. This scene is funny because

A.

B.

C.

1. Conclusion