**Lit and Comp**

How to survive \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ essay

**Your task**: Fill in the blank (how to survive a trip to the dentist, how to survive basketball practice, how to survive a day at Six Flags, how to survive living with an annoying younger sibling, how to survive a complex chemistry test, etc.)

Create an engaging essay on the topic featuring your top advice for survival in your chosen topic. You must have an introduction and a conclusion and a body paragraph for each piece of advice.

**Length**: 1-2 pages

**Due**:

How to survive \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ essay assessment rubric

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| Ideas (40)  Video: <http://goo.gl/7UQBMk>  http://goo.gl/7UQBMk.qr | * Engaging introduction * Topic developed thoroughly by selecting the most significant and relevant details * Ideas engage the reader throughout * Effective conclusion offering satisfying closure |
| Sentence fluency (40)  Video:  <http://goo.gl/MVF23e>  http://goo.gl/MVF23e.qr | * variety of sentence beginnings selected with regard to nearby sentences * variety of sentence length (longer, more complex sentences as well as shorter sentences of 8 or fewer words) * examples of phrases (introductory or otherwise) covered in class – prepositional, participial, appositive |
| Organization (10)  Video:  <http://goo.gl/xkFuz7>  http://goo.gl/xkFuz7.qr | * Logical, smooth progression of experiences or events * each new element builds on what came before * strong links between ideas (subordination, for example) |
| Conventions (10) | * Nearly flawless grammar and punctuation |

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