

ACT ESSAY CHEAT SHEET

Title:

lead:

thesis w/because:

body # 1: main idea (al?)

body # 2: main idea (source, quotation?)

body # 3: main idea (personal "I" story)

conclusion: restate thesis, "Big Bang" ending or a new story or small fact, proverb, wise saying

Recipe for a 36 score on the ACT essay includes all of these ingredients:

- has a clearly-stated position on the issue, easily found in thesis with the word 'because'
- addresses all 3 perspectives
- has a length of 3 + pages. Yes, 3 pages minimum, getting onto the 4th page is even better
- skips lines between paragraphs and indents(makes essay easier to read)
- has some flashy vocab that you're sure you are using properly

and should include 3 or more of these:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> a personal story using "I" | <input type="checkbox"/> is there a rhetorical question? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> a relevant study or news item | <input type="checkbox"/> a proverb or wise saying |
| <input type="checkbox"/> something relevant you have learned in school | <input type="checkbox"/> a direct quote |