

Essay Topic

Has covid-19 and digital communication changed the future of large cities?

700 words MLA Style Essay

Please use specific examples supported by hard data to back up your investigations. As this issue is changing in real time you are encouraged to reference informed contemporary journalism to develop and support your ideas. We welcome the use of inline images in VL essays.

Start with this reading list but do your own research

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/ellistalton/2020/09/03/people-fleeing-big-cities-may-spur-economic-growth-in-smaller-metros/#1cc5a76352d6>

<https://time.com/5882848/cities-future-urban-planning-development-covid19-pandemic/>

<https://www.eco-business.com/news/singapore-helsinki-and-zurich-top-index-of-worlds-smartest-cities/>

<https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/tech/ites/hcl-to-double-workforce-in-smaller-towns-allow-staff-in-larger-cities-to-move-back-to-hometowns/articleshow/78189047.cms>

Guidance / Rubric

Pamela's Essay Assessment Rubric

<i>Performance Areas</i>	<i>Excellent</i> <i>10-7</i>	<i>Good</i> <i>6-4</i>	<i>Needs Improvement</i> <i>3-2</i>	<i>Unacceptable</i> <i>1-0</i>
Content/Development	Essay has a specific central idea that is clearly stated in the opening paragraph; appropriate, concrete details support the central idea and show originality and focus.	Central idea is vague; somewhat sketchy and non-supportive to the topic; lacks focus.	Unable to find specific supporting details; more than 4 errors in information.	Essay had no central idea or supporting details.
Organization	Essay is logically organized and well-structured displaying a beginning, a body, and a conclusion. Critical thinking skills are evident.	Essay somewhat digresses from the central idea; ideas do not logically follow each other.	Central point and flow of essay is lost; lacks organization and continuity.	Ideas were unorganized and vague; no particular flow was followed.
Research	Cited researched information; introduced personal ideas to enhance essay cohesiveness.	Some research of the topic was done but was inconclusive to support topic; cited information was vague.	Did little or no gathering of information on the topic; did not cite information.	No research of the topic was done.
Style	Writing is smooth, coherent, and consistent with central idea. Sentences are strong and expressive with varied structure. Diction is consistent and words well chosen.	Sentences are varied and inconsistent with central idea, vocabulary and word choices.	Lacks creativity and focus. Unrelated word choice to central idea. Diction is inconsistent.	Writing is confusing, hard to follow. Contains fragments and/or run-on sentences. Inappropriate diction.
Mechanics	Written work has no errors in word selection and use, sentence structure, spelling, punctuation, and capitalization.	Written work is relatively free of errors in word selection and use, sentence structure, spelling, punctuation, and capitalization (1-2 errors)	Written work has several errors in word selection and use, sentence structure, spelling, punctuation, and capitalization (3-4 errors).	Written work has serious and persistent errors in word selection and use, sentence structure, spelling, punctuation, and capitalization.
Timeliness	Posted completed assignment on or before the deadline.	Posted completed assignment within 24 hours after deadline.	Assignment posted after 24 hours past deadline.	Assignment posted 48 hours past deadline.