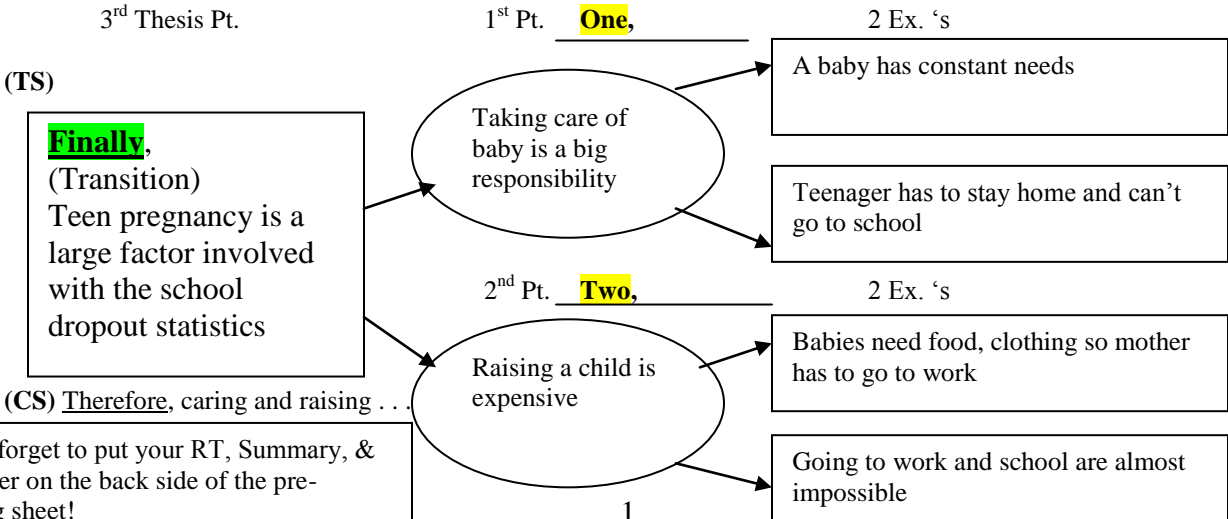
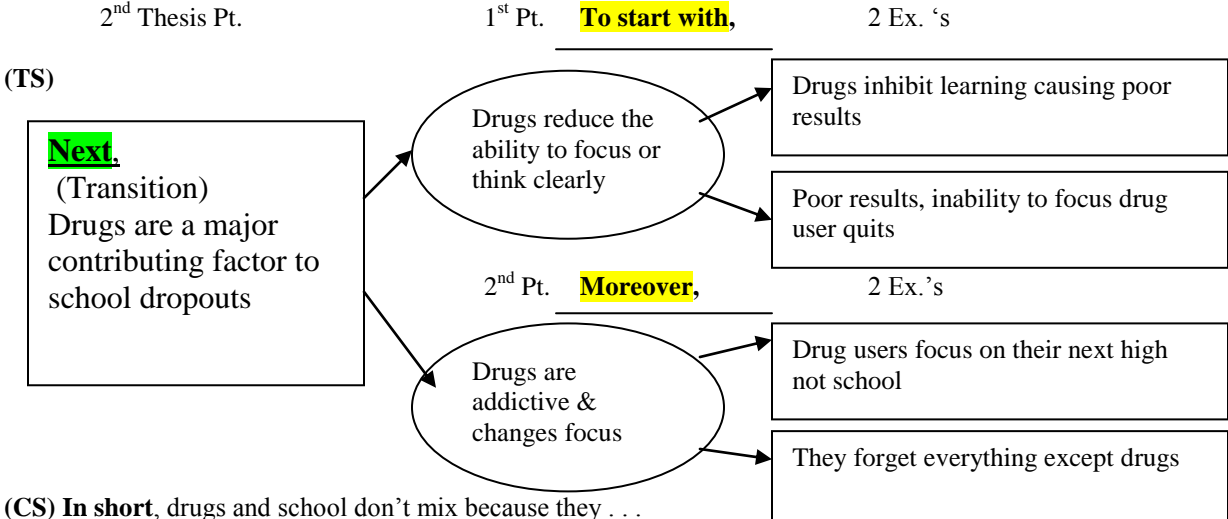
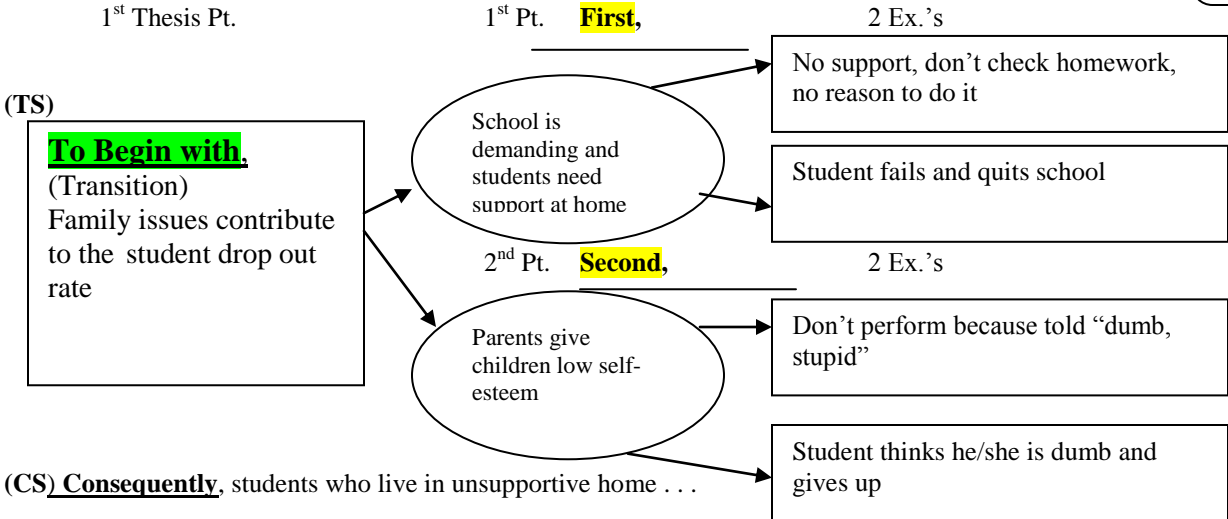


Main Topic: Why do kids drop out of School?

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“To Be or Not to Be, That Is the Question?”

(Hook) The drop rate is ever rising in America. So, why do kids drop out of school these days?
(G. D. T.) There are numerous reasons people think of and none cover every possibility. Some think it’s the individual student’s fault, others think the problem is with the schools. **(Thesis)** Mainly kids drop out of school because of family problems, drugs, and teen pregnancy.

(TS) To begin with, family issues contribute to the student drop out rate. **(1st pt.)** First, school is demanding and students need support at home. **(Ex.)** If a child doesn’t have parents who support homework, check and assist with school work, then the child doesn’t see the reason to do the work, ends up failing, and eventually calls it quits on school. **(2nd pt.)** Second, parents sometimes cause children to have low self-esteem which encourages dropping out. **(Ex.)** When children are continuously told they are “dumb” or “stupid,” they believe they are and do not perform in school. This in turn proves the message that is reinforced at home and eventually the student gives up on school. **(CS)** Consequently, students who live in unsupportive home environments and suffer from low self-esteem tend to drop out of school.

(TS) In addition to problems in the home, drugs are a major contributing factor to school dropouts. **(1st Pt.)** To start with, doing drugs reduces a person’s ability to think clearly and focus with long term effects. **(Ex.)** Those students doing drugs inhibit learning, causing them to do poorly. In turn, poor results, failure, and the inability to concentrate cause the student to give up on trying and eventually drop out. **(2nd Pt.)** Moreover, because drugs are addictive, those who use drugs focus on that rather than other key elements like school. **(Ex.)** Students hooked on drugs focus on their next high and that is all they are interested in. So, they forget about friends, family, school and give up on everything else except where to get their drugs. **(CS)** In short, drugs and school don’t mix because they interfere with the ability to focus on the important factors like education, family, and friends.

(TS) Finally, teen pregnancy is a large factor involved with the school dropout statistics. **(1st Pt.)** One, having to take care of a child is a major responsibility. **(Ex.)** A baby is completely dependent on its parents and its needs are constant. Because of this, the young teenager needs to stay home and take care of her child and can’t go to school. **(2nd Pt.)** Two, raising a child is expensive. **(ex)** Because a baby has so many needs like food, clothing, shelter, etc., the mother has to go to work to support and raise the child. Working, unfortunately, doesn’t leave much time for going to school. **(CS)** Therefore, caring and raising a child as a teen causes students to drop out of school.

(RT) In conclusion, issue at home, use of illegal substances, and early motherhood are major factors in the rising rates of school dropouts. **(Summary)** Kids who struggle at home do so in school, students who do drugs constantly focus on the next high rather than the importance of school and society, and teens that become pregnant can’t possibly focus on school when they have the new responsibilities of a baby. **(Clincher)** So, what is it that people can do to tackle this dilemma? Remember, the children of today are the future of tomorrow.

Dropout Essay Example/Assignment

Note: this essay has most of the essential items regarding the essay format, but there are many mistakes. Your job is to write an essay on this same topic that is better with all the parts done correctly, using the essay format, and with few or any mistakes. Begin by fixing the pre-writing and then the essay with either 1) the same three points, 2) a combo of one or two points with new point(s), or 3) three completely different points you make up on your own. Choose one of these 3 options! The bottom line is to make each part of the essay better: the pre-writing, title, intro, 3 body paragraphs, concluding paragraph, the transitions, word choice, examples, topic sentences, etc.