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Due Date:

Topic: My Approach to Homework

Skill: Parts of Speech – Adjectives; Form of Expository Writing

Topic Description

What kind of homework doer are you? Attached to this assignment sheet are descriptions of five approaches to homework taken from a humorous news article in the newspaper. Each approach is labeled. Do any of these or perhaps a combination of these describe you? Read the descriptions under each heading. Then write a paragraph about your approach to homework. Include at least three adjectives.

Skill Description

Adjectives are words used to describe nouns. Here are some adjectives from the article: *special, authentic, medieval, miniature, bleary-eyed*.

Can you find more?

I used these adjectives:
1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

ME Book Rubric		
Me	Teacher	Objective
		Used at least 3 adjectives (3 pts)
		Proofread for spelling, grammar, and punctuation (2 pts)
		Content is appropriate
		Includes a title, border, and picture
		Includes your name on front and back
		Mounted on colored construction paper
		Handed in on time clipped to this assignment sheet
		Total Points

NO End to the Ways Kids Turn Homework into Ordeals

***The Procrastinator** – This kid may be a lightning bolt on the soccer field, but when he's sent to get his books, takes steps so slow he can fool motion detectors. There's always just one more TV show to watch, he'll be only five more minutes on the phone, and where's that special notebook paper he needs, anyway?

The procrastinator hits his stride whenever he has a major project due. That's because he waits until the last possible minute to let you know he needs help. He'll saunter in from soccer practice late one afternoon and inform you that he needs to create authentic medieval costumes for a family of clothespins for a special presentation the next day.

He doesn't even mind admitting that, yes, he's known about this assignment for the last six weeks. And while you may spend the next several hours at the sewing machine, furiously stitching up miniature capes till you're bleary-eyed, he doesn't break a sweat, knowing you won't fail him.

***The Perfectionist** – This kid feels she must do everything perfectly and can't handle it if anything goes wrong. And since things go wrong quite a bit, you'll hear a lot of wailing during homework time. If she spells one word incorrectly and you gently point it out, she falls apart. Everything feels to her like criticism, and most of it comes from within.

***The Forgetter** – Beware this character! When you say, "What homework do you have tonight?" he'll look blank, scratch his head as if he can't quite understand the meaning of your words, then mumble something about not remembering anything about homework. Oh, spelling? Can't do it. That book is in his desk at school. Social studies? He shrugs, you scream.

***The Speed Freak** – If you've dealt with the procrastinator, you might think it a blessing to have a speed freak around. He's finished with his homework ten seconds after he begins, or so it seems. But don't be fooled. Most of his work is illegible, he didn't do questions nine through 27 because he has to ask the teacher about them, and he claims he did his math homework on the school bus.

***The Codependent** – This kid just loves to tackle her assignments, as long as she doesn't have to do them herself. She needs constant encouragement along the lines of "Ok, pick up your pencil. Let's look at number 4. Now what do you see there? Read me the instructions. Turn your pencil the right way. Ok, very good. Now, let's go on to number 5." Don't think you're going to get away with cooking supper while she cracks the books; she needs your full attention to stay on track.

Kids may take on different roles at various times throughout their school careers – so just when you think you've got a grip on a procrastinator one year, he goes overboard and becomes a perfectionist the next.