



YOU'VE GOT THE WRITE
STUFF, BABY!

BY ACCESS

People use things in their life that are helpful to them. There are six qualities of writing that help people write more effectively, so why not take advantage of them!

Thomas Jefferson wrote many drafts to the Declaration before he showed it to anyone. Then, Congress made over eighty changes. Writing is in a constant state of revision; it only gets better with time and attention.

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- Go to the sites below to complete online grammatical games. You may complete the activity as many times as you would like. When you have mastered each area with at least an 80%, you may move on to your task.
- [Proofreading Makes Perfect](#)
- [Grammar Blast](#)
- [Grammar-Quizzes](#)

- Over the next two lessons, you will write a three- to five- paragraph essay describing and explaining what it means to be an American. This Task is a prewriting activity that provides you with an opportunity to organize the ideas that you will address in your essay.
- First, read the editorial from the *Chicago Tribune* called "What it means to be an American."

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- After you read the editorial, complete 2.04 Prewriting. As you work on the task, continually ask yourself "what does it mean to be an American?" Is this something important to you? Why or why not?

- Finally, review the Essay Rubric for more information about how to complete the essay that you will write later.



**KEEP
CALM
AND
WRITE
THE ESSAY**