

UNIT 3 SAMPLE DB POSTS

INITIAL POST

I'm studying law enforcement, so I used some brainstorming strategies like listing and then I did some freewriting about each of the possible topics I came up with, to try to come up with a subject to write about. Here's what I thought of:

1. Police body cameras. I have watched the news a lot and know this is a big issue so maybe I could write to police departments to tell them they need to do this.
2. Being pulled over by the police. I'm admitting that I've had a couple of tickets so maybe I could write about this. Not sure what, though.
3. Gangs. This is a big problem in my neighborhood and my teenage kids and I have talked about this a lot and I worry that they might get involved in gangs.

I'm honestly not yet sure which topic to write about. I think I could write about any of them, but I'm not sure yet. I'm thinking though that I could do some research and write a good paper on police body cameras. What do you think?

My question is could I write about how more police departments should use body cameras?

Thanks for your help!

Ted

RESPONSE TO INITIAL POST

Hey, Ted. Great job with your prewriting. I think you came up with some great topics. When I read the Unit reading material, it helped with the idea of writing to an informal audience, and since the assignment is to write to a nonprofessional audience, I think you probably shouldn't write to police departments. Wouldn't that mean your blog post would be really formal and research based, rather than personal and informal? What about that third topic? You mention you have talked to your children about this issue, that you have been worried about the gangs in your neighborhood and how your kids might get involved. To me, that would be a great topic. What about writing to other parents who are also worried about this issue? Could you write to them and use your experience as a parent to help them keep their kids out of gangs?

Hope that helps!

Makayla

Commented [JV1]: Notice that this student identifies specific prewriting strategies he used to generate ideas and includes his list and some freewriting.

He also identifies some possible audiences and purposes that he might choose from. Even though he isn't sure yet about his topic ideas, he posts them and asks for help as to which topic might work best.

Commented [JV2]: Notice that this response is constructive and very helpful. Makayla helps Ted to see that the first topic idea is too formal for the blog post assignment. She instead suggests that he choose another topic from his list and offers suggestions for a stronger audience and purpose more appropriate to the writing assignment.