

Exercise 1. Responding to a Quotation Prompt using a Step-by-step Approach

Directions: Read the sample prompt and response on the left side of the page. Then follow the same steps to respond to your prompt, on the right side of the page.

Sample Prompt

Read the following quotation: “Things done in haste are often regretted in leisure.” Why might one argue that you often regret having rushed to accomplish something once it’s all done?

Using an example from your own experience or observation, write an essay analyzing the worth of taking your time to accomplish something.

Your Prompt

Read the following quotation: “Every day may not be good, but there’s something good in every day.” Why might one argue that even though times can get tough, there is always something positive to consider?

Using an example from your own experience or observation, write an essay analyzing the worth of finding the positive to consider during trying times.

Prewriting – Getting Ideas

List incidents in your life that could be used to respond to this prompt. They do not have to be in complete sentences because they are part of the prewriting process.

Sample Ideas

1. When I went too fast down the stairs and slipped and fell
2. When I waited until the last minute to write my history essay
3. When my father hurried to put up an above-ground pool and didn’t take time to read the directions and it collapsed

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