ESSAY WRITING TIP SHEET

**Introductions and Conclusions:**

* **Start your introductory paragraph with a bold statement, question, anecdote, or metaphor.** *You will then go on to state your reasoning behind your opinion. State your three reasons in a logical sequence. While this section should be brief, it needs to tell the reader what they are going to read about in your essay.* ***To finish your opening paragraph write a bold and provocative thesis statement.***
* ***Start your closing paragraph by rewriting/rearranging a your thesis statement.*** *You will then go on to restate your reasoning behind your opinion.* **Finish your conclusion paragraph with a bold statement. You want your readers to finish thinking, “Wow. I’m impressed.”**

**Evidence**:









**Style**:

* In general, you should strive for direct, concise, and precise writing.
* Have you replaced “to be” verbs (be, been, is, are, were, was) with stronger, active verbs?
* Have you eliminated jargon, slang, clichés, and euphemisms in favor of more precise language?
* Have you eliminated repetition and redundancies? Read each sentence and ask yourself if it introduces a new information, ideas, or analysis. If it is simply restating old information, rewrite it or delete it

**Dress Ups:**

* -ly adverb (describe a verb)
* Who-which clause
* Strong verb
* Quality adjective
* because
* www.asia (when, while, where, as, since, if, although)

Ex: The angry fox bolted after the sneaky rabbit, who had stolen his carrots because he was famished.