

Sample Outline from a Student

Note: This was for a 2-3 page paper on "What are some key qualities a successful college student should have?" – English 99 course

I. Introduction Paragraph:

- A) Attending a new school can be nerve wracking, the fear of failing or getting it together
- B) After analyzing the articles, the 5 qualities I think a student need to enhance to become successful is having a growth mindset, Grits,. reflection and lastly able to adapt

II. Body Paragraph #1

- A) A growth mindset a key quality every student should obtain
- B) Carol S. Dweck, states that "students believe that intelligence is a potential that can be realized through learning."
- C) In other works, being smart is not a born gift, you have to go through the process of learning to reach it
- D) A personal experience joining the cross country team at high school
- E) Having a growth mindset will open more doors for students

III. Body Paragraph #2

- A) Another significant quality is reflection through their makes and adjusting it for the better
- B) Eduardo Briceno informs us that "in order to learn from them the most we need to reflect on our own errors and extract lessons from them"
- C) Making mistake is not a bad thing
- D) Personal example is failing a class and retaking it again
- E) Mistakes will help us strive

IV. Body Paragraph #3

- A) Lastly, having GRIT

B) Angela Lee Duckworth states that, "Grit is living life like a marathon, not a sprint."

C) Being successful is a process

D) Personal will be my current situation, trying to finish college for a better future

V. Conclusion #4

A) You are not born successful nor does it happen over night

B) These qualities bought me on where I am today, a college student

C) Knowing these qualities, will improve my working conditions,