



**ILLITERATE
VULTURES
EAT
CARRY
ON**

Thanks to
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resources

Remember the basics of essay writing:

Stick to your subject criteria

No slang (Hitler had lost his marbles / The British fuzz should carry guns / He was well chuffed to pass his exam)

No contractions (especially be aware of your/you're)

No - I think/feel that...

No shortcuts (e.g. / etc. / & instead of 'and')

No bullet points

Factual information such as names and dates - get them right!

Structure = intro / key points / conclusion

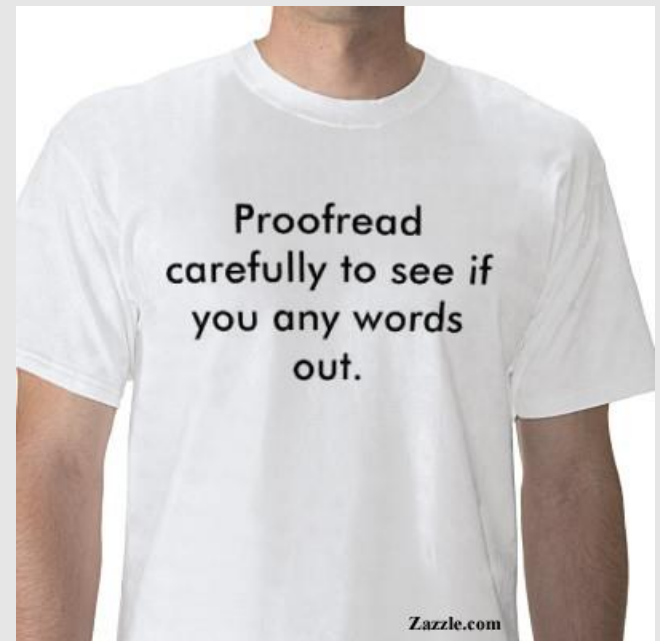
Use topic sentences at start of each paragraph to introduce point of paragraph

NEVER write/type your essay and then hand it in without proof reading.

Leave your essay - hopefully for at least a day - then read over again.

Get someone else to read it.

Read it aloud to yourself.



Proof read the following:

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ORIGINAL

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CORRECTED

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- ✓ Check for "silly" errors - spelling, wrong names, autocorrect. Remember the computer is not always right!
- ✓ Use a dictionary.

FORMAN'S FIVE FAUX PAS:

1. capital letters for proper nouns
2. comma splice
3. missing apostrophes
4. they're/their/there
5. in front, alot, aswell



SMART
ESSENTIALS

**THE STUDENT
GUIDE TO
LITERACY**

IN EVERY SUBJECT

SMART LEARNING 