

My advanced students,

Please take this homework seriously. Some of you are not handing in your homework on time or for weeks at a time. I understand that work can be overwhelming, but last week I only asked for ONE paragraph. I am now sending out letters to parents regarding student's work. For those of you that handed in your work last week, it was very well done. All of you must hand in your introduction this week. Your introduction must contain a well thought out, well-constructed thesis. After this week, you will be working on 2 body paragraphs. If you do not start handing in homework, it will pile up on you. I will not take my time to correct it if you continuously hand it in late.

- A thesis statement proves something.
- After writing your thesis statement, ask yourself: What am I trying to prove to my reader?
- Using "I" and "we" can sometimes be used in a thesis, but I am asking you not to use it for this paper.
- Second person pronouns should never be used (you, yours).
- Make sure that you are not just stating a fact. Example: "The Murders in the Rue Morgue" breaks some rules.
- Make a thesis statement that is going to prove something worth reading.
- Write to me if you have questions.

Do not rush and hand it in right before class. Again, this is one paragraph!