

Español V / BI
Weekly Essay

For a good part of this year, you will write one essay per lesson. On Mondays you will be given topic options for your essay. Unless otherwise announced, the essay will be handed in on Friday at the beginning of the class hour. There will not be extra time to make corrections or count the words.

For each weekly essay, you will need to:

- Write your essay by hand.
- Skip lines.
- Write your name, date and hour (in Spanish) in the upper right hand corner.
- Use a minimum of 150 words, but not more than 200.
- Include a word count at the end.
- Use 4+ different 'frases de enlace' (transition words) and underline them (IB packet).
- Format the essay according to the "type of text." (IB packet).
- Be well organized and separated into multiple paragraphs.
- Use sophisticated and well developed ideas. Always go for more in explaining ideas and telling stories that best express your points of view. Go for cultural and world understanding.
- Use a variety of vocabulary and grammar structures. Push yourself to express and articulate with precision.
 - Each time you use a different verb tense for the first time, you must circle it.
- Consult the list of "Errores comunes" as well as comments written on your essay by your teacher. Repetition of the same errors will result in a lower grade. Learn by your mistakes!

The essay will be based on 25 points on a modified IB Writing Rubric (see IB packet):

- **Lenguaje (L) – 10 puntos**
- **Mensaje (M) – 10 puntos**
- **Formato (F) – 5 puntos**

Word of honor: As you signed and agreed to, the essay needs to be your own work, and serves as a form of written assessment throughout the year. You may use a dictionary, textbook, 501 verbs, class notes, your binder, etc. but it may not be edited or proofread by another student, teacher, sibling, or friend. You may not use any type of computer or Internet translation program. If there is doubt of whether the essay is the product of the student alone, there will be a conversation with the student and appropriate loss of points and disciplinary action will follow.

- If you would like to know ways to improve your written production, you are always welcome to set up a time to work with Sr. Hill for explanations and advice on how to develop your writing.

