

# Problem Solution Essay

Write a problem-solution essay on one of the Cold War problems listed below. Research the problem, choose a solution, and write a short essay outlining the problem and your proposed solution.

Problems to address include:

- The military standoff on the Iron Curtain
- The arms race
- The division of Germany, Korea, or Vietnam.

## Prewriting

- Go Online and do research to find evidence on each of the problems listed above.
- Choose the problem that interests you the most and take notes about the evidence you find
- Decide on the best solution to this problem and gather the evidence that supports your solution.

## Drafting

- Write a first paragraph stating the problem and explaining why it is important.
- Write a thesis statement arguing for your solution to the problem
- Write a second paragraph beginning with your thesis statement, followed by sentences providing evidence to support your thesis.
- Write a conclusion that restates your thesis and closes with a strong, compelling argument.

## Revising

- Add information.
- Review arguments
- Use transition words to guide readers through your ideas

## WRITING RUBRIC

<b>Advanced</b>	<b>Proficient</b>	<b>Basic</b>
<p>An essay in this category is outstanding, demonstrating clear and consistent mastery, although it may have a few minor errors. A typical essay</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Effectively and insightfully develops a point of view on the issue and demonstrates outstanding critical thinking, using clearly appropriate examples, reasons, and other evidence to support its position</li> <li>Is well organized and clearly focused, demonstrating clear coherence and smooth progression of ideas</li> <li>Exhibits skillful use of language, using a varied, accurate, and apt vocabulary</li> <li>Demonstrates meaningful variety in sentence structure</li> <li>Is free of most errors in grammar, usage, and mechanics.</li> </ul>	<p>An essay in this category is effective, demonstrating reasonably consistent mastery, although it will have occasional errors or lapses in quality. A typical essay</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Effectively develops a point of view on the issue and demonstrates strong critical thinking, generally using appropriate examples, reasons, and other evidence to support its position</li> <li>Is well organized and focused, demonstrating coherence and progression of ideas</li> <li>Exhibits facility in the use of language, using appropriate vocabulary</li> <li>Demonstrates variety in sentence structure</li> <li>Is generally free of most errors in grammar, usage, and mechanics</li> </ul>	<p>An essay in this category is inadequate, but demonstrates developing mastery, and is marked by one or more of the following weaknesses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develops a point of view on the issue, demonstrating some critical thinking, but may do so inconsistently or use inadequate examples, reasons or other evidence to support its position</li> <li>Is limited in its organization or focus, but may demonstrate some lapses in coherence or progression of ideas</li> <li>Displays developing facility in the use of language, but sometimes uses weak vocabulary or inappropriate word choice</li> <li>Lacks variety or demonstrates problems in sentence structure</li> <li>Contains an accumulation of errors in grammar, usage, and mechanics</li> </ul>
<b>Below Basic</b>	<b>Far Below Basic</b>	<b>Zero</b>
<p>An essay in this category is <b>seriously limited</b>, demonstrating <b>little mastery</b>, and is flawed by <b>one or more</b> of the following weaknesses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develops a point of view on the issue that is vague or seriously limited, demonstrating weak critical thinking, providing inappropriate or insufficient examples, reasons or other evidence to support its position</li> <li>Is poorly organized and/or focused, or demonstrates serious problems with coherence or progression of ideas</li> <li>Displays very little facility in the use of language, using very limited vocabulary or incorrect word choice</li> <li>Demonstrates frequent problems in sentence structure</li> <li>Contains errors in grammar, usage, and mechanics so serious that meaning is somewhat obscured</li> </ul>	<p>An essay in this category is <b>fundamentally lacking</b>, demonstrating <b>very little or no mastery</b>, and is severely flawed by one or more of the following weaknesses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develops no viable point of view on the issue, or provides little or no evidence to support its position</li> <li>Is disorganized or unfocused, resulting in a disjointed or incoherent essay</li> <li>Displays fundamental errors in vocabulary</li> <li>Demonstrates severe flaws in sentence structure</li> <li>Contains pervasive errors in grammar, usage, or mechanics that persistently interfere with meaning</li> </ul>	<p>Essays not written on the essay assignment will receive a score of zero</p>