

Writing Tips-Mr. Hunt's 'THOU SHALTs' for Writing

1. **DO NOT** leave line spaces between paragraphs. Just indent!
2. **DO NOT** write in second person. (you, yours)
3. **DO NOT** start a topic sentence with a pronoun. Pronouns need introductions before they are used!
4. **DO NOT** tell your reader: This is.... Those are... That is...There are... (This, That, These, and Those do not tell your reader anything! They are not specific.)
5. **DO NOT** tell your reader what you are going to write.
(Simply write it!)
"In the next paragraph I am going to write...."
" In the essay I'm going to say or tell reasons..."
"In the next few lines that follow I will...."
6. **DO NOT** tell your reader what you have done. (If you have written it correctly, your reader will know with out you telling them!)
"I have made my point."
"I have shown three reasons"
"I have proved that...."
7. **DO NOT** start sentences with SO,AND,or THEN !!!!! Instead, use a period when you feel like using these to begin a sentence.
8. **DO NOT** use these two words **EVER**... "Things" and "Stuff."
9. **DO NOT** write "THE END" at the end of your essay.
- 10.**DO NOT** answer a question with out "stealing" some words from the question, and inserting them into the topic sentence answer.
11. **DO** insert commas before and after a title of a story you are writing about.
12. **DO** capitalize all proper nouns: America (country) President Lincoln (title)
13. **DO** change the "y" to "i" and add es, ed
14. **DO** make the subject and verb agree: "reasons are" not "reasons is"
15. **DO** indent ¼ inch into the page.(no more, no more)
16. **DO** write all the way up to ¼ inch from the end of the page.
17. **DO** insert a comma before quotation marks occur.

**30 MINUTE STUDY HALL AFTER SCHOOL MAY BE ASSIGNED FOR
BREAKING THESE RULES! Proofread Carefully, Always...**