

D.A.R.E. Essay Rubric

Content - Includes and covers important concepts in a creative original way that draws in and holds the reader's attention	4	3	2	1		
<p>The main message of the essay is clear and focused, and contains details that enrich the central theme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The paragraph details and ideas are clear and focus on the topic. The reader's questions are anticipated and answered • Includes details about peer pressure, friendships and ways to stay in charge • Includes details about what you have learned, why it is important and what impact it will have on your life • Defines D.A.R.E. , explains the D.A.R.E. decision making model and provides an example of how you can use it in your life • Concludes and summarizes what you learned, thanks Constable Leanne and states your pledge to make smart choices • Does not just copy "word for word" from the D.A.R.E. booklet. It is written in your own words 						
Organization - The internal structure, central meaning, is presented in a logical and interesting sequence						
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paragraph sequencing is logical and effective • Includes an introductory (lead) paragraph that introduces yourself and what you will be talking about • Includes 3-detail paragraphs about what you learned in D.A.R.E. • Each paragraph has an introductory sentence, 3-5 detail sentences, and a concluding sentence • Conclusion summarizes what you learned, thanks Constable Leanne and makes your pledge to make smart choices • Paragraphs and sentences use transitions to connect ideas 						
Sentence Structure						
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sentence type and length are varied • Sentence beginnings are varied • Sentences are complete and correct 						

Conventions - mechanics (spelling, punctuation, capitalization, indentation for new speakers, etc.) and usage (subject-verb agreement, pronoun-antecedent agreement, etc.)	4	3	2	1		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uses end punctuation and capitals • Controls spelling • Spelling, grammar and usage are correct. • Uses paragraphs properly (Indentation) • clarity and flow of the communication 						

Writing Organizer

Paragraph 1: Introductory Paragraph

Introduce yourself

Explain that you have participated in the D.A.R.E. program and what the D.A.R.E. program is

Explain how the D.A.R.E. program has been valuable to you

Explain how it will help you make wise and healthy choices concerning the use of drugs and alcohol

Paragraph 2: Detail Paragraph

Introduce the paragraph topic using a fact, statement or question about drugs, alcohol or tobacco

Provide facts about the dangers and effects of drugs, alcohol and tobacco use (pg. 8-12)

Explain why it is important to know these dangers and the possible consequences of not knowing or ignoring the dangers

Conclude by stating how you will use this information to make wise and healthy choices in your life

Paragraph 3: Detail Paragraph

Introduce the paragraph topic using a fact, statement or question that will lead to the D.A.R.E decision making model is and how to use it

Explain what the D.A.R.E decision making model is and how to use it (pg. 18-20)

Give an example of how a grade 6 student could use the model to make a decision in a situation that they could experience

Conclude by stating how you will use this information to make wise and healthy choices in your life

Paragraph 4: Detail Paragraph

Introduce the paragraph topic using a fact, statement or question about peer pressure or friendships

Discuss the impact of friendships, peer pressure on decisions about drug, alcohol and tobacco use (pgs. 21-23)

Explain how young people can stay in charge of their life in a world where they will be faced with situations where they feel pressured to use drugs, alcohol or tobacco

Conclude by stating how you will use this information to stay in control of your life when you are faced with pressure from friends or peers to use drugs, alcohol or tobacco

Paragraph 5: Detail Paragraph

Summarize the main things you have learned in D.A.R.E.

Thank Constable Leanne for teaching you about D.A.R.E. and tell her why it will be valuable to you _____

Makes your D.A.R.E. pledge to promise how you will use this powerful information to take charge of your life and make wise healthy choices in your life

