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**Teachers: Please complete the areas on Page 4 and make any other adjustments to the organizer that will match your classroom rigor or grade level ability.**

**Writing Organizer**

**Fall 2024**

**As part of The Stock Market Game you can participate in a fun national writing competition, InvestWrite.**

**Dozens of students around the country win every semester.**

**Check out the awards and see more information on the website at**

[**www.investwrite.org**](http://www.investwrite.org)

**Writing Assignment for All Grades**

**Describe your Stock Market Game portfolio investments. Was your portfolio diversified? If so, how? If not, how could you make it more diversified for long-term financial success?**

**Writing Organizer**

* **Introductory Paragraph**
  + - **Develop an introductory paragraph** **about your classroom experience while participating in the Stock Market Game**
    - **Describe events or ideas that impacted decisions you made in developing your Stock Market Game portfolio**
* **THINK ABOUT and WRITE ABOUT for the body of your essay:**

1. **Describe your Stock Market Game portfolio investments.**
2. **Discuss the choices you made and why.**
3. **Analyze the performance of your portfolio.**
4. **Discuss your understanding of diversification of investments.**
5. **Point out the things about your investment choices that are consistent with diversification OR point out the things about your investment choices that mean it wasn’t diversified.**
6. **Describe what you could do differently to make it more diversified.**
7. **Indicate how choices to diversify contribute to long-term financial success.**

* **Write a concluding paragraph that summarizes the essay. The conclusion paragraph should summarize the key ideas discussed throughout the essay and offer your final impression or ideas.**

**Brain Storm!**

***Use the boxes below for your notes***

**Introduction**

**Describe your classroom experience while participating in the Stock Market Game and discuss events or ideas that impacted decisions you made in developing your Stock Market Game portfolio**

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**Body of Your Essay**

**Describe your Stock Market Game portfolio investments then discuss the choices you made and why.**

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**Analyze the performance of your portfolio.**

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**Discuss your understanding of diversification of investments.**

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**Describe what could be done differently to make it more diversified.**

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**Discuss how diversification contributes to long-term financial success.**

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**Conclusion**

**Write a concluding paragraph that summarizes the essay. The conclusion paragraph should summarize the key ideas discussed throughout the essay and offer your final impression or ideas.**

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**Now you’re all set to write your draft!**

**Due Dates:**

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| FINAL Due |  |

**Participation is voluntary/required/extra credit.**

* **Teachers, please adapt the table above for your needs.**
* **NOTE the essay submission deadline is**

**Friday, December 20, 2024**

**COMPLETE INFORMATION AND AWARDS CAN BE FOUND AT:**

**www.investwrite.org**

**Judging Criteria**

Judges of the InvestWrite competition will base their decisions on your **rationale, understanding of the subject matter,** and **writing style.** They will ask themselves the following questions as they review your essay submission:

**Rationale**

* Is your essay well organized?
* Do you address all the elements of the question in your essay?
* Have you written clearly when you described details?
* Have you omitted unnecessary details?

**Understanding the Subject Matter**

* Are the words and terms you include in your essay used correctly?
* Will your statements make sense to a judge who is reading your essay?
* Have you described your strategies clearly?
* Do you talk about how the things you learned in the Stock Market Game relate to what you wrote in your essay?

**Writing Style**

* Did you make your essay easy for the judges to read?
* Will the judges be able to see your creative side when they read your essay?
* Will judges who read your essay be interested and want to read to the end?
* Have you used proper punctuation and good grammar?
* Have you carefully worked on your drafts to make your final essay as good as it can be?
* Did you work on this essay without too much help from your teacher or an adult? Your essay should be in your very own personal writing style!

**Rules and Guidelines**

Essays need to meet all the guidelines before the deadline. Failure to meet the guidelines will result in disqualification.

* Each student in the **4-5 grade** division may submit only one entry with a maximum of **800** words and a minimum of **300** words.
* Each student in the **6-8 grade** division may submit only one entry with a maximum of **900** words and a minimum of **400** words.
* Each student in the **9-12 grade** division may submit only one entry with a maximum of **1000** words and a minimum of **500** words.
* This is an individual project. Group discussion is encouraged but **essays must be written and submitted by individual students.**
* If a title is chosen it must appear at the top of the first page of the text.
* **The student author’s name CANNOT appear in the essay or title.** Identification of the student or teacher in the essay will result in disqualification.
* If references are cited, include them at the end of the essay text.
* References must be formatted without footnotes. At the end of the essay simply list each source as: (Author. “Title”. Date. URL).
* Only the body of the essay will be included in the word count. The title and references will not count in the word limit.
* All essays must be submitted in plain text; no charts, graphs or symbols will be accepted.

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