

**Assignment**

Write a story or an essay showing that worthwhile learning occurs outside the classroom. You may write about yourself or other people, real or fictional. You may set your writing in the past, present, or future.

**Ideas**

The following material may give you ideas for your writing. You do not have to use it. Consider your own ideas, gained through reading, listening, viewing, discussing, thinking, or imagining.



Live a balanced life—learn some and think some and draw and paint and sing and dance and play and work every day some.

*Robert Fulghum*

Education is not a preparation for life; Education is life itself.

*John Dewey*

If I skip going to school again today, Miss Etheridge will be hurt. She will be hurt because I have betrayed her trust, and I don't want to do that. . . . She has been known to say: "You can't stop learning, and you can't retreat into ignorance. You may think you can, but you can't."

*Kent Thompson*



I hear, and I forget.  
I see, and I remember.  
I do, and I understand.

*Ancient Chinese Proverb*



Experience gives us the ability to meet life's situations.

*Larry Toepfer*

When writing, be sure to

- consider your audience
- focus on your purpose and point of view
- organize your thoughts appropriately in sentences and paragraphs
- use vocabulary that is interesting and effective