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**Teachers: Please complete the areas on Page 4**

## Writing Organizer

Spring 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

Which investment in your Stock Market Game portfolio performed the best and why? Using this investment, recommend a diversified \$25,000 portfolio of stocks, bonds, and/or mutual funds to save for a personal, family or community goal in the year 2030. Be sure to mention what your goal is.

### 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, the choices you made and why
  2. Analyze the performance of your portfolio
  3. Clarify the reasons you think your performance was impacted in a positive or negative way
  4. Explain a personal, family or community goal you would like to reach by 2030
  5. Describe in detail the investments you would make in a \$25,000 portfolio of stocks, bonds and/or mutual funds
  6. Include an investment from your Stock market Game portfolio and discuss why it would be included in a long-term portfolio to help reach your goal
  7. Justify how your long-term portfolio is diversified
  8. Point out how you think this portfolio can help you obtain the resources to achieve that goal
- **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**


**Body of Your Essay**

**Describe your Stock Market Game portfolio, the choices you made and why**


**Analyze the performance of your portfolio and clarify the reasons you think your performance was impacted in a positive or negative way**


**Explain a personal, family or community goal you would like to reach by 2030**

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**Given what you learned from your Stock Market Game portfolio, describe in detail the investments you would make in a \$25,000 portfolio of stocks, bonds and/or mutual funds for the long term, 2030. (Be sure to Include an investment from your Stock market Game portfolio and discuss why it would be included in a long-term portfolio to help reach your goal)**


**Justify how your long-term portfolio is diversified**


**Point out how you think this portfolio can help you obtain the resources to achieve that goal**

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**Conclusion**


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

**Due Dates:**

TASK	DATE
DRAFT Due	
EDITS Due	
FINAL Due	

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

✓ **Teachers, please adapt the table above for your needs.**

✓ **NOTE the essay submission deadline is  
Wednesday, April 10, 2024**

**COMPLETE INFORMATION AND AWARDS CAN BE FOUND AT:  
[www.investwrite.org](http://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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