



The Learning Centre

Writing Skills Forum Response Practice II

Respond to the following forum posts. Set a timer and allow yourself no more than 10 minutes to respond to each post. Within the 10 minutes, allow yourself time to check for spelling and grammar errors.

1. Recently, I was listening to CBC on the radio and there was a discussion about high school English classes. Specifically, there were two people talking about whether students should be required to read and analyze Shakespeare in English 11 and English 12. In the radio discussion, one man was in favour of teaching Shakespeare in high school English classes. He brought up the fact that there are important themes in Shakespeare's works and that these themes are still relatable today. The second man was against the idea of teaching Shakespeare in high school English classes and argued that, although the themes in Shakespeare are relevant today, it is difficult for high school students to understand these themes. He questioned why we would not simply find more modern works with equally relatable themes. What do you think about this debate?

2. I am hoping to drive to Disneyland later this year with my husband and three kids but I have never driven across the border. I heard that the border guards can be very mean and intimidating. Does anyone else have an experience with a border guard that they would like to share? Should I be afraid to go across the border?

3. My family has been having trouble lately in supporting my grandmother's decision to stay in her own home (as opposed to moving into an assisted living facility). We know that grandma is more comfortable in her own home and is afraid that we won't visit her if she goes to assisted living. I can understand why she would feel uncomfortable in a new home; however, I am sad that she thinks we would discontinue our regular visits. We simply want grandma to go to assisted living so that *her* life is easier, not so we can stop visiting. We will always visit her – no matter where she lives. Do you have any advice on how we could help her transition into assisted living without so much stress and worry?