

Definition Writing: Paragraph Assignment

- Select **one** of the concept-words under #2 on p 450 of Chapter 17 on Definition writing in your *Models for Writers* text. Choose one that you know something about or feel capable of writing about or one that interests you enough to do some research to learn more about
- Using the material that you created from the set of instructions below the concept-words on that same exercise sheet, compose a paragraph (**6-10 sentences**) that introduces your word-concept to us, provides your specific definition of the term, and offers 2 or 3 specific pieces of definition support to illustrate your particular definition for us
- As you write, stay in the **3rd person** (*he, she, it, they, the text, etc.*) by shifting the focus away from yourself and onto the actual subject(s) of your paragraph – Be sure to **not** use 1st (*I, me*) or 2nd person voice (*you, your*) anywhere in your paragraph
- Aim for **verb consistency**: Proofread your work carefully to make sure all of your verbs are in the *same tense* throughout the entire paragraph
- When you're done, please do the following before you submit your work to WebAccess:
 1. **Highlight or underline** the term you're defining and the controlling idea or "working definition" of it that you'll provide as your thesis idea
 2. **Highlight or underline** each new attempt to define your concept word in a another way