

## Summary and Response Essay

You have already written a summary of the articles “6 Things You Should Say to Your Professor” and “5 Things you Should Never Say to Your Professor.” Now you will write a short essay that responds to one of these essays using the following prompt.

Choose A or B and write a well-developed essay of about five paragraphs.

- A. In the essay, “6 Things You Should Say to Your Professor,” Ellen Bremen writes about the best way to communicate with your professor in order to create a positive relationship. Based on your own experience, consider the type of relationships you have had with your teachers. Describe one positive relationship that you have had with a teacher. How did communication impact that relationship in a positive way? Did you follow the advice Bremen gives or did you use other strategies to communicate with your teacher? If you like, instead of referring to a situation in your own experience, you may write about a situation described in something you’ve read. In the course of writing your essay, you must state clearly the point of Bremen’s article and how it compares to what you have experienced or read about. You may address this question in any order, but be sure to respond to all parts of this assignment and to connect your thoughts into a single, clearly organized essay.
- B. In the essay, “5 Things you Should Never Say to Your Professor,” Jorie Scholnik describes the things students say that really bother professors who are dedicated to their class. Based on your own experience, consider the type of relationships you have had with your teachers. Describe one instance in which you said or did something to a teacher that negatively impacted your relationship with them. How did your action/words impact that relationship in a negative way? What was the outcome? Explain how your actions were similar to or different from those described by Scholnik. If you like, instead of referring to a situation in your own experience, you may write about a situation described in something you’ve read. In the course of writing your essay, you must state clearly the point of Scholnik’s article and how it compares to what you have experienced or read about. You may address this question in any order, but be sure to respond to all parts of this assignment and to connect your thoughts into a single, clearly organized essay.