

STATISTICS IN THE REAL WORLD: ESSAY 1 - PEER REVIEW PREPARATION  
Adapted from *Engaging Ideas* by John C. Bean<sup>1</sup>  
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AUTHOR OF ESSAY:

LENS TEXT:

FICTIONAL TEXT:

*Begin by reading the essay twice. As you do so:*

1. Highlight any words, phrases, or sentences that you found particularly pleasing.
2. Mark with asterisks any passages that you had to read more than once to understand what the writer was saying.

*Now set the essay aside for at least half an hour, and then answer the following from memory:*

3. In what way has the essay made an impact on you?

*Read the essay a third time. Answer the remaining questions with a printed copy of the essay at hand.*

4. In one or two sentences, state what position you think the writer is taking.

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5. List the kinds of evidence used to support the author's position. Which pieces of evidence do you think are the strongest? Which are the weakest?

6. After reading the whole paper, do you agree or disagree with the writer's position? Why or why not?

7. Do you feel that you clearly understand the ideas of the lens text, based on what you read in the essay? Are there any confusing points that you'd like cleared up?

8. Do you feel that you clearly understand the sequence of events in the fictional text, based on what you read in the essay? Are there any confusing points that you'd like cleared up?