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**Teachers: Please complete the areas on Page 4, or use only the first three pages of this organizer, and distribute to your students**

**Assignment Organizer**

**Grades 9-12**

**Spring 2021**

**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 prizes and see more information on the website at** [**www.investwrite.org**](http://www.investwrite.org)

**Writing Assignment What do you want to save for in the short-term and in the long-term? Why are these things important and how will they benefit you and/or others? Using stocks, mutual funds, and/or bonds, how would you create a diversified, $100,000 Stock Market Game portfolio to be successful for both time frames?**

**Learning Targets**

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|  | **InvestWrite Essay: Learning Targets** | **1** | **2** | **3** |
| **1 = Need more help understanding.   2 = Understand, but need to refresh.   3 = Got it!** | | | | |
| **1** | I can define a stock |  |  |  |
| **2** | I can define a mutual fund (optional) |  |  |  |
| **3** | I can define a bond (optional) |  |  |  |
| **4** | I can explain a diversified portfolio |  |  |  |
| **5** | I know the difference between short-term and long-term |  |  |  |

**Writing Organizer**

* + **Introduction**
  + **Body**
    - **What do you want to save for in the short-term and in the long-term?**
    - **Why are these things important and how will they benefit you and/or others?**
    - **Using stocks, mutual funds, and/or bonds, how would you create a diversified, $100,000 Stock Market Game portfolio to be successful for both time frames?**
  + **Conclusion**

**Brain Storm!**

**Introduction**

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**Body of Your Essay**

**What do you want to save for in the short-term and in the long-term?**

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**Why are these things important and how will they benefit you and/or others?**

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**Using stocks, mutual funds, and/or bonds, how would you create a diversified, $100,000 Stock Market Game portfolio to be successful for both time frames?** *(it is optional to consider all three—stock, bonds, mutual funds—but including more than one will show your depth of knowledge)*

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**Conclusion**

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

**Due Dates:**

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| **TASK** | **DATE** |
| DRAFT Due |  |
| EDITS Due |  |
| FINAL Due |  |

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

* **Teachers please adapt the table above for your needs.**
* **Please NOTE the essay submission deadline is**

**Wednesday, April 21, 2021**

**COMPLETE INFORMATION AND AWARDS CAN BE FOUND AT:**

**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 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.
* **Essays in PDF format cannot be accepted**. All essays need to be in a format that can be cut and pasted to the InvestWrite website.
* All essays must be submitted in plain text; no charts, graphs or symbols will be accepted.

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