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**Teachers: Please complete the areas on page 3, or use only the first two pages of this organizer, and distribute to your students**

**Assignment Organizer**

**Grades 6-8**

**Fall 2020**

**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** **Describe something you've done to adapt to change or overcome an obstacle. How will this experience guide your future success?****Now describe something a publicly traded company has done to adapt to change and explain how that makes it a good long-term investment. What other stocks, bonds or mutual funds would you combine with this company for a successful long-term portfolio and why?**

**Writing Organizer**

* + **Introduction**
  + **Body**
    - **Describe something you've done to adapt to change or overcome an obstacle. How will this experience guide your future success?**
    - **Now describe something a publicly traded company has done to adapt to change and explain how that makes it a good long-term investment.**
    - **What other stocks, bonds or mutual funds would you combine with this company for a successful long-term portfolio and why?**
  + **Conclusion**

**Describe something you've done to adapt to change or overcome an obstacle. How will this experience guide your future success?**

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**Due Dates:**

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| FINAL Due |  |

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

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

**Friday December 18, 2020**

**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 6-8 grade division may submit only one entry with a maximum of **900** words and a minimum of **400** 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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