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**Teachers: Please complete the areas on Page 5, or use only the first 4 pages of this organizer, and distribute to your students**

**Writing Organizer**

**Grades 9-12**

**Spring 2023**

**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 awards and see more information on the website at**

[**www.investwrite.org**](http://www.investwrite.org)

**Writing Assignment**

**What are some benefits of working on a team versus on your own? Give examples from your Stock Market Game team or other examples of teamwork. Teaming up investments in a diversified portfolio also has benefits. If you could invest $10,000 now for a long-term goal, what team of investments, including stocks, bonds and/or mutual funds, would you choose and why?**

**Writing Organizer**

* + **Introductory Paragraph**
		- 1. **Develop an introductory paragraph about teamwork**
			2. **Think about how different members bring different things to the team**
	+ **TO THINK ABOUT for the body of your essay:**
		- **Explore the benefits of working on a team rather than completely on your own.**
		- **Discuss your Stock Market Game team if you had one:**
			1. **How you made decisions**
			2. **The different roles the team members had**
			3. **How working on a team helped you be more successful**
		- **Discuss other examples of teamwork that you have observed or experienced or others have told you about**
		- **Given what you’re doing in the Stock Market Game, think about how to create a “team” of investment choices that work together for future financial success**
		- **Consider what makes a good “team” of humans and what makes a good “team” of investments**
		- **Explore how investments on the “team” you select, have different roles to bring diversity and strength for that success**
		- **Select what you believe is a good “team” of investments if you could invest $10,000 in stocks, bonds, and/or mutual funds**
		- **Be sure to talk about why the diversity of your “team” will help make it successful**
	+ **Write a conclusive paragraph about teamwork and your investment selections**

**Brain Storm!**

***Use the boxes below for your notes***

**Introduction Develop an introductory paragraph about teamwork. Think about how different members bring different things to the team.**

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**Body of Your Essay**

**Discuss the benefits of working on a team. Think about what makes a good team.**

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**Discuss your Stock Market Game team and how you worked together to make decisions. Or other examples of good teamwork.**

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**What makes a good “team” when it comes to a portfolio of investments and why?**

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**Choose $10,000 in investments for the long-term using stocks, bonds and/or mutual funds—choosing what makes a good “team”!**

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**Explain why you selected your portfolio and why your selections make a good “team”.**

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**Describe your reasons these will make good long-term investments.**

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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.**
* **NOTE the essay submission deadline is**

**Friday, March 24, 2023**

**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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