

Every Great Essay

The opening anthem for the whole writing year.



VERSE 1

Every great essay has something to say,
A point with a purpose to lead the way.
Start with a thesis, make it clear,
Tell that reader why you're here!
Give me reasons, show me ways,
Build that thinking phrase by phrase.
Find some evidence, strong and true,
Then explain what that proof means to you!

CHORUS

Say it! Show it! Make it clear!
Give your reader something to hear!
Think it! Link it! Make it strong!
Every little piece belongs!
Thesis! Evidence! Explain away!
Great essays have something to say!
From the first big thought to the final line,
Make it matter every time!

VERSE 2

Don't just find it, TAP that proof!
Then use your THINKING to raise the roof!
Make an inference, connect the clues,
Show the reader the thinking you choose.
Take that meaning one step more,
Find the BIG idea worth writing for.
When your thinking reaches beyond just you,
That's when great writing really comes through!

RHYME BREAK

What's my point? THESIS! What backs it up? EVIDENCE!
What does it mean? EXPLAIN! What did I learn? USE MY BRAIN!
What's the big idea when I'm through?
MAKE IT MATTER TO ME AND YOU!

FINAL CHORUS

Say it! Show it! Make it clear!

Pull that reader close and near!

Think it! Link it! Make it shine!

Build that essay line by line!

A point with purpose, proof that's strong,

Thinking that shows why it belongs.

Then close it out in a powerful way,

EVERY GREAT ESSAY HAS SOMETHING TO SAY!

Find it! TAP it! THINK it through!

Explain the meaning, make it new!

And when that BIG idea flies away,

MAKE IT MATTER EVERY DAY!

Every great essay, has something to say!