

For your next step in developing Essay #2, I am asking you list possible topics of **focus** for your Essay #2 contrast.

Below is an example (in black text) of what you should be doing. After you finish for all ten example pairs, choose three that share similar focus points.

then create a thesis statement based upon those. Follow my instructions in the previous email about how the thesis statement must be constructed.

When you finish, copy and paste into an email (1) the three example pairs you chose that have a similar focus, and (2) your draft thesis statement, then send the email to me by 11 p.m. on Sunday.

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Author: Diana Tsui

Title: My Tiger Mom Prepared Me for the Ultimate Sin: Not Being the Perfect Daughter

Link: <https://www.thecut.com/2016/10/i-survived-a-tiger-mom.html>

Summary: Diana Tsui was forced to live a life with a tough schedule of study even when she was only in the second grade. She studied advanced Math for hours, woke up early for Chinese lessons, and then spent more time spent on piano. She was never given a choice. Because she did not understand why she was studying so hard, she lost interest and failed.

My Story: When I was in second grade in elementary school, there was a class I was not interested in. I did not know why I had to study it. My father, being liberal in his approach, told me I did not have to study it; instead, the teacher would let me sit in the back of the class and do whatever I wanted. Soon, I came to realize that I was being silly, and decided to rejoin the class. However, because it was my choice, I felt much more involved and invested in the class, and I did much better than otherwise.

Possible Focus Points: Independence, Self-Control, Controlling my own life, Academic Performance,

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Author: Yanan Wang

Title: Tragedy of 'golden' daughter's fall resonates with Asian immigrant children

Link:

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/morning-mix/wp/2015/07/27/tragedy-of-golden-daughters-murder-plot-against-parents-resonates-with-asian-immigrant-children/>

Summary: Jennifer Pan had tiger parents who were very strict about her grades. When Jennifer got bad grades, she faked her report cards. When she failed Calculus and wasn't accepted into university, she lied to her parents and pretended to go. She created a fake life, and her situation spun out of control.

My Story: Even though I am Spanish by descent, I never learned to speak the language. In high school, I got an "F" grade in Spanish class. However, I never hesitated to show my parents such a grade. They never shamed me, but expressed that if I didn't like a subject, it was not that important. They knew I was smart and could pass any class I liked. As a result, I was completely open about my schoolwork with them.

Possible Focus Points: Stress, Pressure