

A COLLECTION OF MEMES

STORIES OF AN AVERAGE LEARNING CENTER

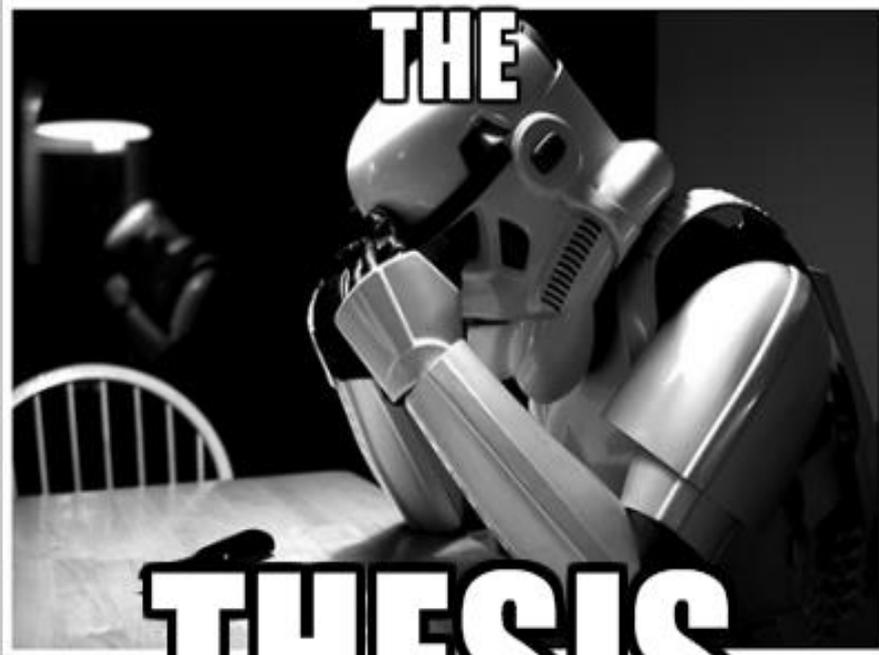
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WHAT IS A MEME?

- A meme is defined as an idea, behavior, style, or usage that spreads from person to person within a culture.
- In today's technological age, a meme has also been adopted as the term for an image, video, or text that is aimed to be witty and humorous while still being informative. Often times a meme will be spread across the internet rapidly.

I JUST CAN'T FIND

THE

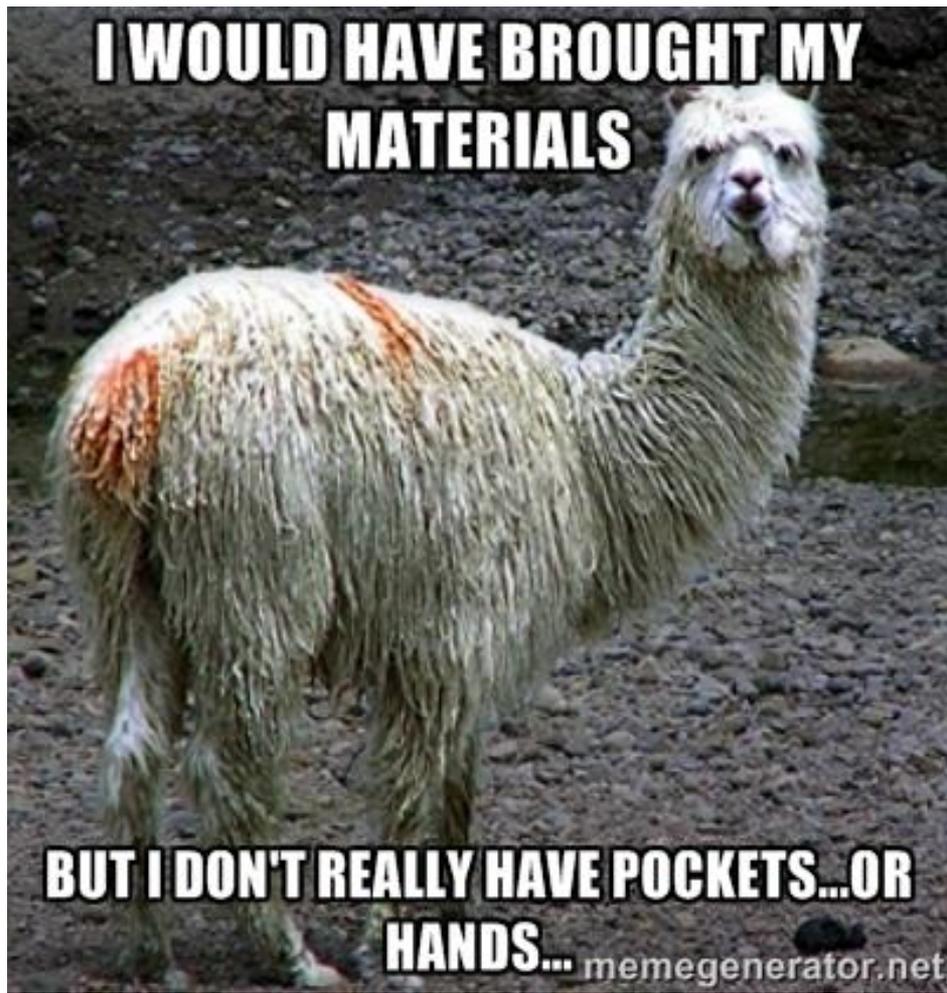


THESIS

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This meme represents a common struggle that tutors may experience with their tutee's: frustration. For some tutee's, writing may be one of the things they dread most in this world. Acknowledging this, some tutee's may get overly frustrated in moving forward with their writing or when you present them with a problem you've found in their work. You must always, as a tutor, work to make your tutee feel as comfortable and at-ease as possible, focusing on efficiently pointing them towards their end goal.

**I WOULD HAVE BROUGHT MY
MATERIALS**



**BUT I DON'T REALLY HAVE POCKETS...OR
HANDS...** memegenerator.net

This meme represents a situation in which a tutee has come to a tutoring session without any prepared materials. In some cases, this may take away from the overall efficiency of the session, but not always. Sometimes it can be extremely helpful for a tutee to come in and have a “brainstorming” or outlining session in which the tutor helps them get a good start to their essay. It can really help having a template to use when constructing your essay and can be just as beneficial to the tutee as if they’d brought in a rough draft of their essay. It isn’t by any means a requirement to have an essay ready before you come to an appointment.

**OH, SO YOU MISSED YOUR SECOND
APPOINTMENT?**

**I SUPPOSE YOU DON'T EVER WANT TO BE
TUTORED AGAIN**

This meme highlights the fact that if you don't show up to two tutoring appointments and don't cancel or reschedule them beforehand, you might lose your privilege to utilize the learning center for tutoring purposes. This is an unfortunate circumstance but necessary. It's unfair to schedule an appointment ahead of time, have the tutor show up to tutor and to not be there. Sure, you are allowed to have one "no-show" in the event that you discover you can't make it at the last minute, but you must be cautious.

ISN'T MY ESSAY GOOD ENOUGH



TO HAND IN

This meme represents an instance where a tutee may not be taking their tutor's critique all too well. It's important that a tutor provides their criticism in a polite and respectful manner and does not say anything to offend the tutee. In certain instances, a tutee may become upset with the way you are providing your feedback or just simply because you made any criticism at all. They could be sensitive when it comes to their work. A tutor must remember to always provide the proper praise before highlighting negative aspects of one's essay since only focusing on the bad aspects can have a negative impact on the tutee.

OMG!!!



**HOW CAN YOU THINK DOGS ARE
BETTER?!**

When looking over a tutee's essay, the tutor must not challenge the tutee on personal opinions or ideas they express, unless these ideas are purely factual. In cases such as an argumentative essay or a reflection piece, the tutee's beliefs are their own and it's not the tutor's responsibility to manage these beliefs. The tutor must look at the writing in an objective manner, focusing on its structure, the clarity of expressed ideas, and other aspects that are seen as universal truths.

A close-up photograph of a light-colored dog with dark patches around its eyes, wearing black-rimmed glasses. The dog is sitting and looking down at an open book it is holding with its front paws. The background is a plain, light-colored surface.

EXCUSE ME

**YOU'RE DISRUPTING MY
PRODUCTIVITY**

While tutoring centers are open to anyone on campus and everyone is encouraged to use it as a study-space, it's very important that everyone remains respectful of others around them and ensures that anyone can have a relatively quiet and relaxed working environment. Sure, you are allowed to speak at a normal conversational volume but exceeding that could easily distract someone who is very determined to do a good job on their work. Students must find a happy medium between an increasingly loud noise level and a quietness that will allow for anyone to comfortably work.

THIS INTRODUCTION IS



HORRIBLE

This meme is a perfect example of what not to do as a tutor. When providing criticisms to a tutee on their work, it is often better to give them some positive feedback first and try not to focus on the negative aspects of their writing. Giving them positive feedback will boost their confidence and make them more sure of themselves as writers. Focusing on all of the things that they're doing wrong can offend or upset the tutee and make them feel bad about themselves as writers. Keeping the tutoring space a positive working and learning environment is very important to its effectiveness. You don't want students to view it as a place where they go to get humiliated.

TUTOR SAYS YAY



PROFESSOR SAYS NAY

This meme is centered around the fact that different professors have different preferences for what they would like to see from their students. It's important that tutors always ask their tutee's if their advice aligns with the professor's requirements or asks if the tutee's professor was looking for anything in particular. You shouldn't pressure the tutee to adhere to your advice as they may feel cornered between you and the professor which would only add negativity to the situation. Something may seem like a good idea to you, but if it isn't what the professor was looking for, they're going to punish the student. It doesn't matter if you agree with it or not, all that matters is that you help the tutee.

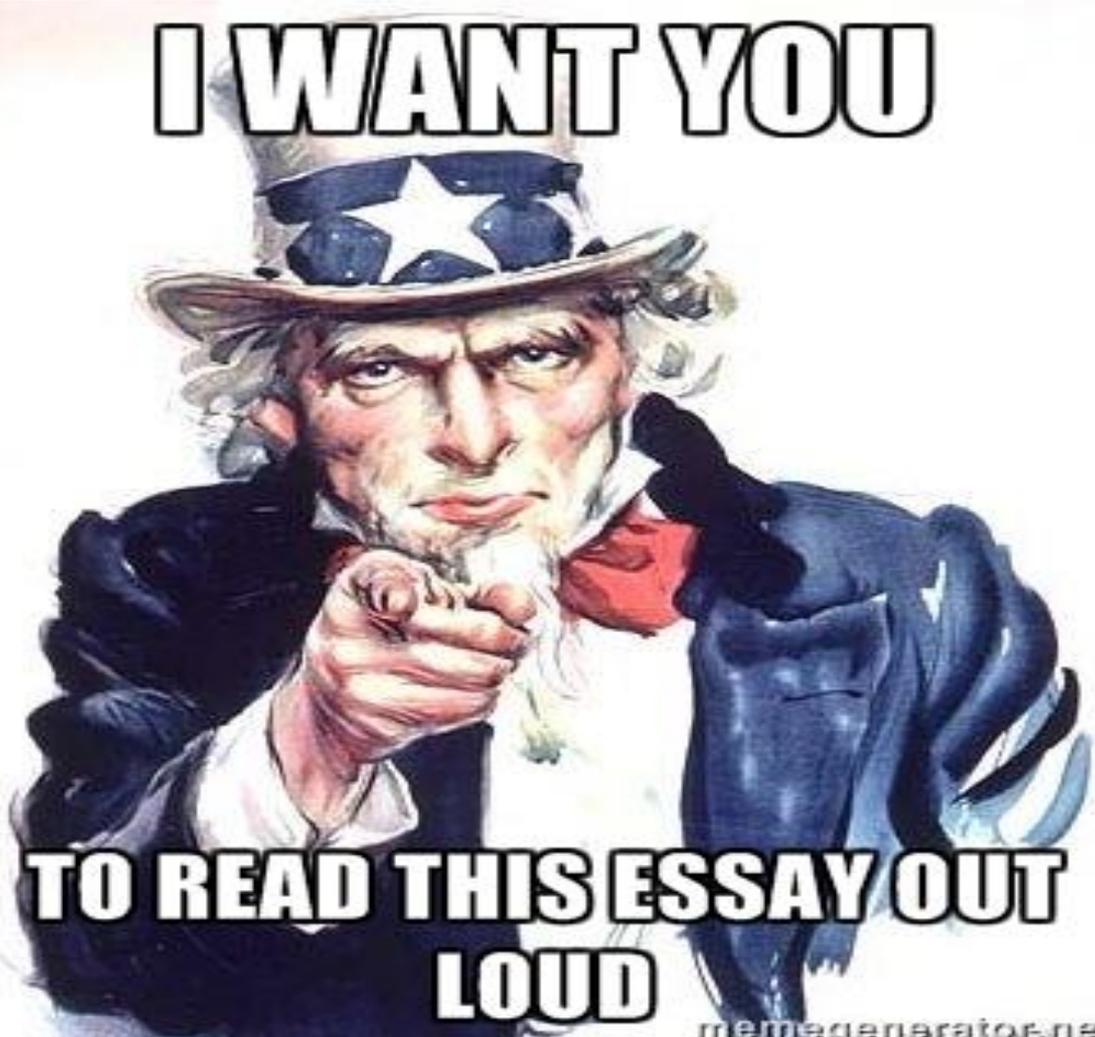
**ANOTHER MISUSED SEMI
COLON?!**



**ENOUGH WITH THE MISUSED SEMI
COLONS!**

This meme supports the idea that, as writers, we all have at least one common error that we find ourselves making repeatedly in our writing. A tutor must not become frustrated with the tutee for making errors like these and must simply instruct the tutee on how to not make the same mistakes in the future. At the same time, it's vital that the tutor does not do this in a condescending way and remains respectful and polite to the tutee. Humans are creatures of habit, and sometimes those habits may seem impossible to break.

I WANT YOU



**TO READ THIS ESSAY OUT
LOUD**

One good way to begin looking over a tutee's essay is to have them read it out loud. This allows for errors in the writing to stick out more easily and lets the tutee really hear what is that they have written. Of course, if the tutee is unwilling to read their essay out loud then you may go ahead and ask if they are content with you reading it out loud. This still has a positive effect and makes it easier to notice errors and is just as effective. Although, if the tutee refuses to engage in either option then the tutor must respect their wishes and use a different methodology to analyze the paper.

MEET WITH ME AGAIN NEXT

WEEK

YOU WILL

This meme represents something that proves to be very useful in the learning center: recurring sessions. A recurring session is one in which the tutee and tutor have met on different occasions for sessions and are familiar with each other. This can be extremely beneficial for tutee's since they are working with the same tutor over and over and begin to feel more comfortable working with that particular individual. This can also be very helpful for the tutor, as they now understand how the tutee likes to work, the things that they tend to struggle with, and the things they need to focus on.

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