

CERCA Set: Government and Health

Worked Example, 3

PURPOSE

To give teachers an example of a “3” level of achievement on a ThinkCERCA assignment.

TEXT

Gluten-Free Cafeterias

CERCA QUESTION

Should schools make a special effort to provide gluten-free options in cafeterias?

EXAMPLE STUDENT ESSAY

These should all be capitalized.

There is not a clear summary of the text here.

This implies that his paragraph expresses the same idea as the previous one. But before you said schools should offer gluten-free and here you say that it's not healthy. Perhaps "However" would have been a better choice.

This part of the paragraph seems misplaced. It would have been better in the next paragraph where you give reasoning based on information from Kimberly

A teacher at harvard medical school says it takes a long time for people to learn how to eat gluten-free. People with celiac disease can't eat gluten so they can't eat pizza or sandwiches or cookies which really is a pain for them to live with. Gluten is sometimes hidden in foods you don't think about. Some people think schools should have lunches that are gluten-free.

Eating anything with gluten in it can make some people very sick. It's like your body thinks gluten is a germ. Germs make you sick, so eating gluten makes you sick. That's why schools have to have lunches without gluten so kids don't get sick.

Also, eating gluten-free is not a healthy diet. This is true because quinoa is healthier than potato pasta. Kids need to eat a healthy diet, so schools should have healthy options for kids with all sorts of needs. Kids who can't eat gluten have to bring their own lunches to school so they don't get sick. This isn't fair. Kids shouldn't feel left out when they have to eat their own lunches and all the other kids are eating a school lunch. So schools should have lunches that all kids can eat, even kids with celiac disease.

Lots of people are eating a gluten-free diet. Some people think gluten isn't healthy so they don't eat it even if they don't have celiac disease. Kimberly Snyder is a nutritionist and she says that people have to be careful eating food that doesn't have gluten in it because it can have lots of sugar in it.

Even though we sometimes say this when we are speaking, it is not conventional written language.

These also might be better as several shorter sentences.

But what do YOU think? Express your opinion clearly

This is only true of a very small percentage of the population, not as a general rule.

The reasoning is flawed here. Both choices are gluten-free.

Nice support for your claim!

This would be better as two separate sentences.

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This is a powerful sentence that gets your audience's attention!

Schools should be a place where all kids feel like they fit in. All kids should be able to find food in the cafeteria that they like and can eat. A kid who can't eat gluten has to be careful what he eats. He can't eat pizza or cookies. Only 1% of kids have celiac disease and can't eat gluten, but even those kids should have food at the cafeteria that they can eat, so schools should have gluten-free food at the cafeteria. Besides, lots of people are eating gluten-free now

Much of this is repeated from the paragraphs above. The conclusion should clearly restate your opinion without necessarily repeating evidence already presented.