Exploring Process

Purpose: This assignment should help you to heighten your understanding of how a process works.

Assignment: Write an essay in which you provide a detailed explanation of a process or procedure.

Ways to Proceed: This is your basic "how-to" essay. Your task for this assignment is to describe the steps involved in an action. Your goal for this essay is to explain how to do something or how something happens. Perhaps you may wish to explain how to bake perfect chocolate chip cookies, how to change a tire, or how islands are formed. Your pattern of organization for this essay should be focused on delineating how the process works for the action you choose to analyze.

Criteria for Evaluation: Your essay should be at least four (4) pages in length. It should be typed, double-spaced, with one inch margins (top, bottom, right, left), and use a 12 point standard font (Courier New, Arial, Garamond). Your essay should generally conform to the MLA style of essay formatting. You will be expected to provide a detailed description of a process or procedure. You are expected to have well-developed body paragraphs that SHOW the reader how to enact your procedure. Moreover, your essay will be graded on how well you construct a Thesis-Driven essay. Special attention will be paid to: (1) how well you construct an Introduction that leads up to (and introduces) your Thesis Statement; (2) how well your Thesis PREDICTS the topic of your essay, CONTROLS the overall scope of the paper, and OBLIGATES you prove a certain line of reasoning in your paper; (3) how well you construct individual Body Paragraphs that (a) present/explore ONE specific topic in the paragraph and (b) relate back to your Thesis; and (4) how well you construct a Conclusion that restates (without repeating) your Thesis.

Good Luck on this assignment!