

# Explain the facets of a student's life.

Describe a typical American student's life. List the important points and then write a first draft.

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**A Basic Paragraph**

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prepositional  
phrases.**

...in school before he can graduate.

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## **Add comparison details.**

... considered more fun than the academic ones because they are...

## **Add sensory details.**

The sights, sounds, and smells may also be unique to the class—students running in the gym, metal clanking in the weight room, and wax melting in the art room.

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**Explain the  
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These are important because they help to identify and develop a student’s interests and abilities.

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**Add  
action  
verbs.**

...enroll in and pass...

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**Add  
definition  
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**This IS the goal!**

**Generate a MEATY paragraph  
about EACH big idea.**