

Definition Essay: Public Service

Read the following quotations:

“Be ashamed to die until you have won some victory for humanity.”
Horace Mann (Leader in Public Education, 1796-1859)

“How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world.”

Anne Frank (German Writer and Holocaust Victim, 1929-1945)

“Ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country.”

John F. Kennedy (Politician and 35th United States President, 1917-1963)

“As soon as public service ceases to be the chief business of the citizens, and they would rather serve with their money than with their persons, the State is not far from its fall.”

Jean-Jacques Rousseau (French Philosopher and Writer, 1712-1778)

Write an essay in which you define the phrase *Public Service*.

Basic Requirements:

- Introduction paragraph with thesis statement (**HINT:** This thesis statement will propose your definition of the phrase *Public Service*.)
- 2-3 body paragraphs that correlate with your thesis statement and support your definition
- A concluding paragraph that reminds me of your key points and effectively argues your definition

As you write your essay, you must:

- Focus on defining the concept of Public Service.
- Effectively organize your ideas using the provided graphic organizer. (A five-paragraph essay is not necessary; however, you do need a definite introduction, body and conclusion.)
- Include ideas from any of the following sources:
 - The dictionary and or personal definition
 - Synonyms and antonyms (compare/contrast)
 - An anecdote
 - Any ideas stimulated by the above quotations
 - Other historical evidence
 - Evidence from relevant literary works
- Include ample and appropriate details.
- Edit your essay for standard grammar and language usage.
- **PROOFREAD, PROOFREAD, and PROOFREAD!**

