



## **STUDENT WRITING SAMPLE – ENG 098 COURSE PLACEMENT**

There are never enough hours in the day. When you're juggling school and work, it may seem overwhelming. Being a high school student is stressful enough, there is already so much going on surrounding the school aspect that get you pushed over the edge. Then, on top of that, you have to go to work right after school. There isn't time for homework, until 2 in the morning that is. When you're off work, and its 2 in the morning; all you want to do is sleep, but you can't. There is still homework to be done! After all is said and done with school and work, its finally time for bed; at 4:30. With only two hours of sleep, it's time to wake up and start the grueling process over again.

As a former high school student working two jobs. This topic is very personal with me. Not only was I working over 15 hours at one job, I would be working 30-35 hours at both. That's not combined. 30-35 hours, per job, per week; on top of going to school. Between school and both jobs, there was never any time in the week for anything. There wasn't even free time to do homework! Homework had to be done during the school day. 2nd periods homework would be done in the 1st period class, 3rd would be done in 2nd, and so on. 8th period, done in 1st. While doing homework for different class, it would be hard to pay attention in the class I was in. That's without mentioning falling asleep in class. It got to the point where I had to drop out of a class because I couldn't stay awake enough to pay attention.

Getting homework done outside of school was even harder. There is no time to do homework when you're hopping around from work to school and back to work. Some might get lucky enough where they have a job where the bosses will let them do their homework during work hours, most are not that fortunate. After being at school all morning, and working all night, there is no time to do homework. Which in many situations lead to missing assignments and slipping grades. This isn't just from a personal prospective.

The number one thing I remember talking about in high school is everyone complaining about their jobs. There is never enough time in the week to balance everything. The people that you could overhear complain about their jobs, were the same people that would be out of the class the next week, or worse; back in the same class the following year.

Some teenagers work for the sole purpose of having extra money to spend so they don't have to ask their parents for money anymore. A larger number of teenagers work because they need to support themselves, or support their families. Restricting the number of hours a teenager will work to 15 only benefits the student, that way they will have enough money a week to support them and help out a little with family affairs. Over working teenagers past 15 hours a week results in problematic situations. At the

ages of 14-18, teenagers should not be focused on work; they should be focused on school and school work.

### **ENGLISH PLACEMENT READER ANALYSIS**

This essay received an ENG 098 placement because of the following components:

though there is evidence of organization with five paragraphs, the essay itself lacks a clear thesis as well as specific details and examples. The essay is occasionally repetitive and contains a variety of grammar and mechanical errors, including comma splices, fragments, apostrophes, and commas.

