

WRITTING THE FINAL PAPER

AN ACADEMIC SUCCESS WORKSHOP



WHAT DO YOU STRUGGLE
WITH THE MOST WHEN
WRITING A PAPER?



WHAT IS THE EASIEST PART
OF WRITING A PAPER?

WHY IS WRITING ESSAYS IMPORTANT...

**Keep in mind that for some
classes you'll be asked to
submit papers as a final
exam instead of completing
a test.**



BEFORE WE START...

- Writing can be scary, especially if you don't know when to start.

BEFORE WE START...

- It's going to be okay
- The key to writing a great paper is GETTING STARTED.

- UNDERSTAND WHAT IS REQUIRED

- This is BEFORE you start writing.

--> Review your assignment requirements and fully understand them.



EXAMPLE:



Michelangelo's David

examine these two
art pieces



Bernini's David

EXAMPLE:

Prompt #1

What are the similarities and differences? Make sure to talk about their historical and political importance and how they each contributed to the art movement of the era.

Prompt #2

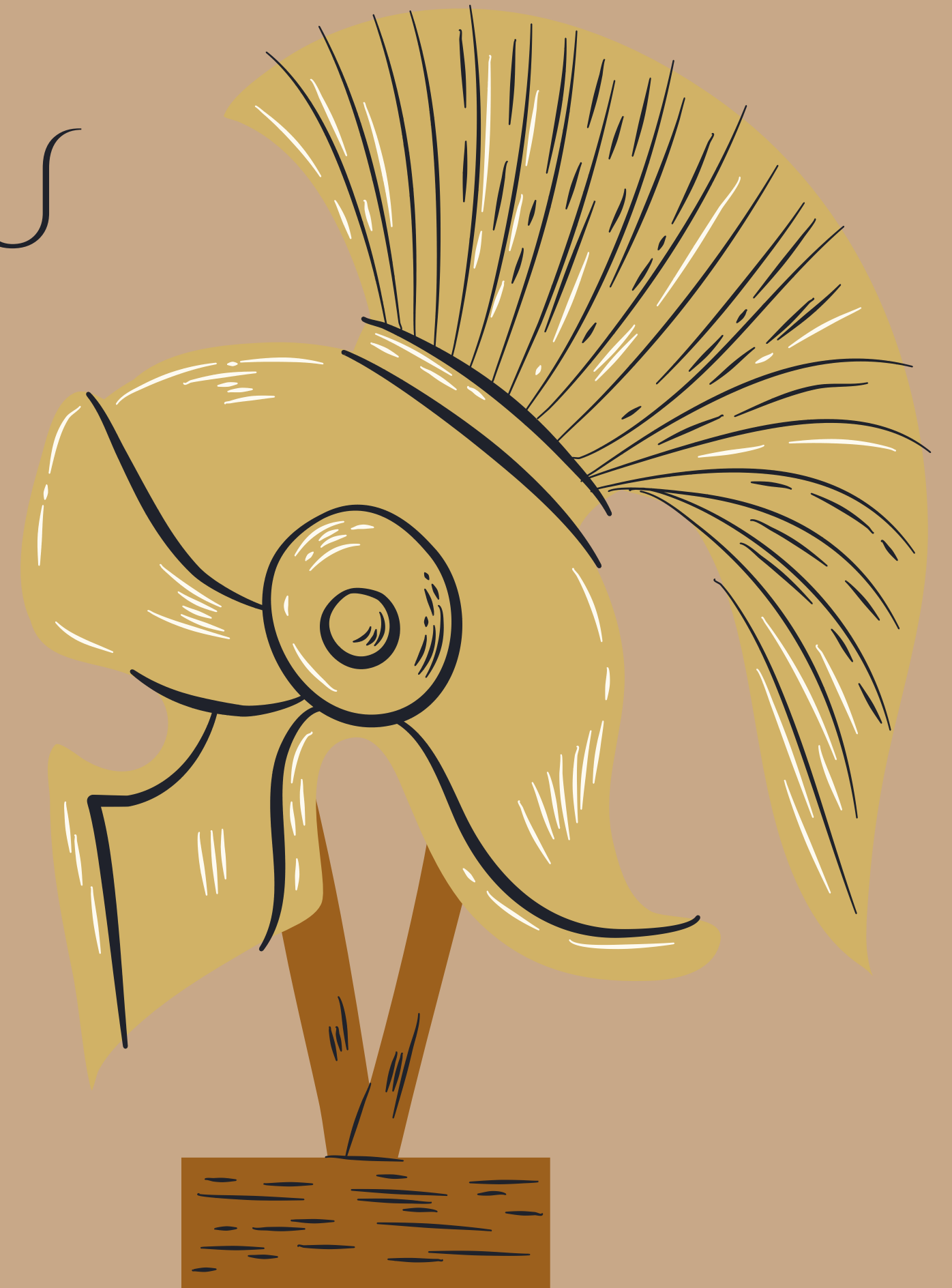
Choose one of the two art pieces, then write a 1000 word essay saying why this piece is better/ more important than the other.

- UNDERSTAND WHAT IS REQUIRED

- Knowing the range of topics and the specific formatting is the first step in starting your paper with organization and structure.
- You don't want to start working on a topic that's off-limits, vague, not answering the prompt, or in the wrong format only to find out later.
- Always, always, always clarify requirements before starting.

2. CHOOSE A TOPIC THAT INTERESTS YOU

- Whether your topic is already assigned to you or you've expected to come up with it, you should ALWAYS find the angle that speaks to you.
- You should go in a direction that is most engaging to you.
- You are more likely to write well about something that interests you.





2. CHOOSE A TOPIC THAT INTERESTS YOU

**"Write what you care about, if you do
that, you stand the best chance of doing
your best writing."**

-Jerry Spinelli, Newberry Award winning
author.

3. OUTLINE WITH DETAIL

- This is the most challenging step since it can lead your entire paper.

BUT

- This helps organize your points find your main argument and state them logically.
 - [ex: point 1 -> point 2]



3. OUTLINE WITH DETAIL

- Having an outline will help you transition between paragraphs and help you talk about each point equally.
- Try making this outline as detailed as you can with what you want to include.

