



THE LAZY STUDENT

What's a Mom
to Do?



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THE THIEF OF TIME



Sloppy







Missing

LATE

IS IT LAZINESS ... OR PROCRASTINATION?

- **Laziness:** Lack of desire to perform work or expend effort
- **Procrastination:** Habit of intentionally delaying work on important tasks that need to be done

STAGES OF PROCRASTINATION



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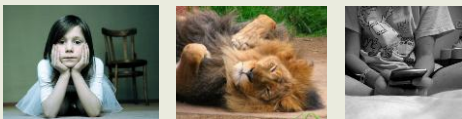
COUNTING THE COSTS

- **Myth:** Procrastinators thrive under pressure
- **Cost of Laziness and Procrastination**
 - Poor performance
 - Inefficiency
 - Anxiety
 - Health and sleep problems
 - Helplessness
 - Guilt



WHAT CAUSES LAZINESS AND PROCRASTINATION?

- **Age**
- **Lack of confidence**
- **Perfectionism**
- **Indifference**
- **Lack of energy**
- **Distractions**
- **Feeling stuck**





WHAT BENEFITS THE LAZY STUDENT OR PROCRASTINATOR?

Some Simple Strategies

1. A PREDICTABLE PLAN

- **Stick to a routine**
 - Young children **love ritual** and predictability
- **Post a schedule**
 - Older kids also benefit from routine
 - Need to know **exactly what to do** each day



2. STRUCTURE



- **Make sure steps of the writing process** are built into your writing program
- **Keep perfectionism at bay**

3. A PROJECT THAT'S DOABLE

- **Divide assignment into manageable chunks**
- **Use the "15-minute Plan"**



4. TIME LIMITS

"The best way to get something done is to begin." -Author Unknown

- **Establish a deadline**
- **Assign frequent due dates**
- **Encourage a "do it first" attitude**



5. LESSON EXPECTATIONS

- **Make sure your student understands** what's required
- **Provide measurable targets**
- **Make tasks concrete**



6. ACCOUNTABILITY AND SUPERVISION

- **Be a good role model**
- **Set your children up for success**
- **Stay on top of things**
- **Follow up**



7. CHECKLISTS

- **Self-editing** teaches writing responsibility
- **Checklists** keep students accountable

Self-Editing Check

- I used proofreading marks to make corrections.
- I indented each new paragraph.
- I wrote complete sentences.
- I checked each sentence with a capital letter.
- I labeled each sentence with a period, question mark, or exclamation point.
- I used a capital letter for each proper noun.
- I checked that I used commas correctly.
- I checked that I used quotation marks correctly.
- I looked in a dictionary to check my spelling.
- I looked in a thesaurus to find strong words.

Checklist for Student Writers

Content

- I have a clear topic.
- I have a clear purpose.
- I have a clear audience.
- I have a clear thesis statement.
- I have a clear main idea.
- I have a clear conclusion.

Organization

- I have a clear beginning.
- I have a clear middle.
- I have a clear end.
- I have a clear introduction.
- I have a clear conclusion.

Style

- I used a capital letter for each proper noun.
- I used a capital letter for each sentence.
- I used a period, question mark, or exclamation point for each sentence.
- I used a comma for each compound sentence.
- I used a semicolon for each complex sentence.
- I used a colon for each appositive phrase.
- I used a dash for each appositive phrase.
- I used a hyphen for each compound word.
- I used a slash for each fraction.
- I used a percent sign for each percentage.
- I used a dollar sign for each dollar amount.
- I used a cent sign for each cent amount.
- I used a degree symbol for each temperature.
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MORE SOLUTIONS

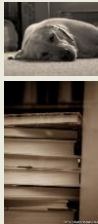


To Help Your Lazy Student

LAZY CHILDREN & PROCRASTINATORS ALSO BENEFIT FROM ...

- **Good health**
- **Choices and responsibility**
- **Minimized distractions**
- **Rewards**





"Nothing is so fatiguing as the eternal hanging on of an uncompleted task."

- William James

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