

## Common Writing Assignment: Science

### Are some body systems more important than the others?

In class you studied the digestive, circulatory and respiratory systems and how each is important in maintaining a healthy body. During a class discussion, these students said the following:

Nnamdi: “The circulatory and respiratory systems are more important than the digestive system because they bring oxygen to the cells.”

Julie: “The digestive system is most important because it releases nutrients that are needed by all cells in the body. The other systems couldn’t do their work without energy.”

Kaori: “You both are partially right. All three systems are very important because they all maintain a healthy body by working together.”



Write a paper that identifies which student is correct. Use evidence to support your claim and explain your reasoning.

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### Don't Forget to...

Plan your writing using an outline, web or graphic organizer. As you write each draft of your assignment, it's important to use what you know as a writer to communicate your ideas effectively.

- ✓ Provide a clear claim that answers the question.
- ✓ Include evidence -- using data from class activities, experiments and other resources.
- ✓ Include reasoning to show how your evidence supports your claim.
- ✓ Use vocabulary that you have learned in science class.
- ✓ Correct grammar, punctuation, and spelling errors.