

TUESDAY'S ELA WORK - SAMPLE

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ROUGH DRAFT

March 24

★ For today's step, I'm taking what I wrote in yesterday's graphic organizer and developing my paragraph rough draft.

★ It is useful to double space your rough draft so that it is easier to revise and edit.

If I found a \$20 bill on the floor of a store, I would try to find the owner. The reasons behind my opinion are guided by my sense of what is right, my belief in karma and the memory of a similar situation that happened to me years ago. First off, I believe that people need to try to do what is right, regardless of the situation. This can be described as 'ethical behaviour.' I believe that finding the owner is the right thing to do because, simply put, the money is not mine. I didn't earn it. I'd be profiting off someone's misfortune. Karma can be defined as ^{what comes around, goes around} "what happens to me in life is a result of what I've done in my past."

If I keep the \$20 bill and believe in karma, that would mean ^{that} one day I'd be punished by the universe for my previous actions. (Yes, now that I've put that on paper, I wonder if ~~that~~ sounds corny or ridiculous!) On the flipside, if I find the owner and return the money, I would be rewarded in my future life. Lastly, when I was in my 20s (decades ago...), I accidentally dropped a \$50 bill on the ground as I was waiting to pay for my gas. When I reached the till, I couldn't find the bill that I had put into my jacket pocket. I started ~~panicking~~ and looked all around for it. A customer approached me, asked what was wrong, and then told me ~~that~~ he had seen a man pick up the bill, shove it into his pocket and leave the store. The customer gave me a description of the individual and I ran outside to look for this person. As you can probably guess,

I couldn't find him. I was so upset that someone could do that with no thought to the person who ^{had} dropped the money. Losing that money set off a chain of events that led to many problems, but in a nutshell, ~~my life was~~ I have never forgotten the feelings of panic and the disappointment I felt towards this person. As I've mentioned before, that money wasn't his, he simply profited off my misfortune. If I want to live in a society where people respect each other and look to the greater good, then I must act/ behave in a way that supports this ideal.