**Student Name:**



**Teachers: Please complete the areas on Page 4 and make any other adjustments to the organizer that will match your classroom rigor or grade level ability.**

**Writing Organizer**

**Fall 2025**

**As part of The Stock Market Game you can participate in a fun national writing competition, InvestWrite.**

**Dozens of students around the country win every semester.**

**Check out the awards and see more information on the website at**

[**www.investwrite.org**](http://www.investwrite.org)

**Writing Assignment for All Grades**

**Describe your favorite Stock Market Game investment and your least favorite Stock Market Game investment and explain why.** **Discuss how to use your Stock Market Game knowledge to create a long-term, diversified portfolio for yourself or your family.**

**Writing Organizer**

* **Introductory Paragraph**
  + - **Develop an introductory paragraph** **about your classroom experience while participating in the Stock Market Game**
    - **Describe events or ideas that impacted decisions you made in developing your Stock Market Game portfolio**
* **THINK ABOUT and WRITE ABOUT for the body of your essay:**

1. **Describe your Stock Market Game portfolio investments.**
2. **Write about your favorite Stock Market investment and why you selected it over others.**
3. **Write about your least favorite Stock Market Game investment and why you didn’t like it as much as others.**
4. **Consider comparing and contrasting some of your portfolio selections.**
5. **Explain what is important when thinking about investing for the long-term.**
6. **Think about and write how diversifying investments can contribute to long-term investing success.**
7. **Reflect on your Stock Market Game experience and discuss what it has taught you about long-term investing and how you would use that knowledge in the real world to create a diversified portfolio.**
8. **Help make your essay more interesting to the reader by writing about the impact a successful investment plan would have for you or your family.**

* **Write a concluding paragraph that summarizes the essay. The conclusion paragraph should summarize the key ideas discussed throughout the essay and offer your final impression or ideas.**

**Brain Storm!**

***Use the boxes below for your notes***

**Introduction**

**Develop an introductory paragraph about your classroom experience while participating in the Stock Market Game. Discuss events or ideas that impacted decisions you made in developing your Stock Market Game portfolio.**

|  |
| --- |
|  |
|  |
|  |
|  |
|  |
|  |

**Body of Your Essay**

**Write about your favorite Stock Market investment and why you selected it over others.**

|  |
| --- |
|  |
|  |
|  |
|  |
|  |
|  |
|  |
|  |

**Write about your least favorite Stock Market Game investment and why you didn’t like it as much as others. Consider comparing and contrasting some of your portfolio selections.**

|  |
| --- |
|  |
|  |
|  |
|  |
|  |
|  |
|  |
|  |
|  |
|  |

**Explain what is important when thinking about investing for the long-term. Think about and write how diversifying investments can contribute to long-term investing success.**

|  |
| --- |
|  |
|  |
|  |
|  |
|  |
|  |
|  |
|  |
|  |
|  |

**Reflect on your Stock Market Game experience and discuss what it has taught you about long-term investing and how you would use that knowledge in the real world to create a diversified portfolio.**

|  |
| --- |
|  |
|  |
|  |
|  |
|  |
|  |
|  |
|  |
|  |
|  |

**Help make your essay more interesting to the reader by writing about the impact a successful investment plan would have for you or your family.**

|  |
| --- |
|  |
|  |
|  |
|  |
|  |
|  |
|  |
|  |

**Conclusion**

**Write a concluding paragraph that summarizes the essay. The conclusion paragraph should summarize the key ideas discussed throughout the essay and offer your final impression or ideas.**

|  |
| --- |
|  |
|  |
|  |
|  |
|  |
|  |
|  |
|  |
|  |

**Now you’re all set to write your draft!**

**Due Dates:**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **TASK** | **DATE** |
| DRAFT Due |  |
| EDITS Due |  |
| FINAL Due |  |

**Participation is voluntary/required/extra credit.**

* **Teachers, please adapt the table above for your needs.**
* **NOTE the essay submission deadline is**

**Wednesday, December 3, 2025**

**COMPLETE INFORMATION AND AWARDS CAN BE FOUND AT:**

**[www.investwrite.org](http://www.investwrite.org)**

**Judging Criteria**

Judges of the InvestWrite competition will base their decisions on your **rationale, understanding of the subject matter,** and **writing style.** They will ask themselves the following questions as they review your essay submission:

**Rationale**

* Is your essay well organized?
* Do you address all the elements of the question in your essay?
* Have you written clearly when you described details?
* Have you omitted unnecessary details?

**Understanding the Subject Matter**

* Are the words and terms you include in your essay used correctly?
* Will your statements make sense to a judge who is reading your essay?
* Have you described your strategies clearly?
* Do you talk about how the things you learned in the Stock Market Game relate to what you wrote in your essay?

**Writing Style**

* Did you make your essay easy for the judges to read?
* Will the judges be able to see your creative side when they read your essay?
* Will judges who read your essay be interested and want to read to the end?
* Have you used proper punctuation and good grammar?
* Have you carefully worked on your drafts to make your final essay as good as it can be?
* Did you work on this essay without too much help from your teacher or an adult? Your essay should be in your very own personal writing style!

**Rules and Guidelines**

Essays need to meet all the guidelines before the deadline. Failure to meet the guidelines will result in disqualification.

* Each student in the **4-5 grade** division may submit only one entry with a maximum of **800** words and a minimum of **300** words.
* Each student in the **6-8 grade** division may submit only one entry with a maximum of **900** words and a minimum of **400** words.
* Each student in the **9-12 grade** division may submit only one entry with a maximum of **1000** words and a minimum of **500** words.
* This is an individual project. Group discussion is encouraged but **essays must be written and submitted by individual students.**
* If a title is chosen it must appear at the top of the first page of the text.
* **The student author’s name CANNOT appear in the essay or title.** Identification of the student or teacher in the essay will result in disqualification.
* If references are cited, include them at the end of the essay text.
* References must be formatted without footnotes. At the end of the essay simply list each source as: (Author. “Title”. Date. URL).
* Only the body of the essay will be included in the word count. The title and references will not count in the word limit.
* All essays must be submitted in plain text; no charts, graphs or symbols will be accepted.

**www.investwrite.org**