Welcome to the TCL Tutoring Center!

This is your tutorial for getting started in Achieve3000.
What is Achieve3000?

- Uses current, non-fiction articles that can be geared towards your interests or career path
- Automatically adjusts to your progress by automatically increasing the text complexity until target level is reached
  - The 1st of each month we see Lexile adjustment
- Flexible and Convenient –
  
  24/7 access | Anywhere | Anytime | Any device
- Reports are generated regularly to check your progress and give you specific feedback
Achieve3000 and Your Future

- You will learn tactics and skills that will apply to ALL aspects of your future classwork.
- You are NOT going to like everything you have to read but Achieve3000 will help reinforce the skills you learn in class and make absorbing the information easier.
- Finally, reading comprehensively and then applying it effectively through writing is ‘KEY’ to your success!
How it Works

▪ **First Step:**
  Take Level-set (Assessment) on computer in Tutoring Center

▪ **Second Step:**
  You will use the program’s 5-step process and additional tools with tutors to reach desired target level

▪ **Mid/Final Step [optional]:**
  You may be assessed again
Where to find/check your LevelSet score:

After you log in | Click Horizontal bars on Top Left Side of screen | Click Career Center
Where to find/check your LevelSet score: Career Center

- Change/update your Career
  - Click on the Category, click a radial, and then Click Find Careers at the bottom
  - Then view your Lexile score compared to your career choice(s)
After you Log in:

- Your Homepage
  - Takes you back to homepage
- My Lessons
  - Articles you have completed and additional articles you can complete
- Career Center
  - Change your career and check your Lexile Level
- Writing Center
  - Additional tools to help with Thought Question
- Stock Market
- Top Career
  - Displays career you chose within Career Center
- Mailbox
  - Feedback from tutors
  - Additional articles specific to your needs
- Alerts from Achieve3000
  - Reminders and/or Briefs
- Search
  - Find exactly what you want to read about!
- Start
  - Several articles pre-scheduled for you to complete (weekly)
  - You will find new categories including News, Adult Education and Weekend
    - Weekend articles are for reading only
Five Step Process

Step 1: Poll
Step 2: Article
Step 3: Activity
Step 4: Poll
Step 5: Thought Question

Good News for Giant Pandas?
News: Animals in Action
Step 1: Before Reading Poll

Good News for Giant Pandas?

Before Reading Poll

Giant pandas are no longer considered "endangered." This seems like good news, but some people are worried. They say the bears still need to be protected. What do you think?

Agree
Disagree

Explain why you voted the way you did.
Step 2: Article

Good News for Giant Pandas?

BEIJING, China (June 20, 2016): Giant pandas—also known as "smiling bears"—are making a comeback, according to the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN). In a September 2016 report, the organization downgraded the bear species to "endangered" after 35 years of being "vulnerable". This would seem like good news, but the classification system, which includes seven categories, is still under scrutiny by conservationists.

The status of the giant panda population was listed as "vulnerable" in the 1980s because of deforestation and poaching for the species' fur. Before Beijing officials, who have sent giant pandas to countries around the world as a gesture of goodwill, started working harder to preserve the species.

In 1980, the Chinese government established the China Conservation and Research Center for the Giant Panda at the Wolong National Nature Reserve, a protected area in the nations Sichuan Province that is home to many endangered species. The research center included a panda breeding program. Meanwhile, China cracked down on the panda skin trade and gradually expanded its protected forest areas to cover 5,400 square miles (13,900 square kilometers). Due to these efforts, wild panda populations have slowly rebounded. In 2014, the wild panda population in central China was reported to be 1,864 — up from 1,596 in 2003.

It was this increase that prompted the IUCN to change the status of the giant panda. Despite the change, the ICN report did include an admission regarding the future. The report said that although better forest protection has helped increase panda numbers, climate change is predicted to eliminate more than 35% of the animal's natural habitat. If the next 80 years, bamboo, the primary food source for giant pandas, could also be damaged by climate change and if the number of bamboo plants decreases, the bear population will also decline.
Step 3: Activity
Step 4: After Reading Poll
Step 5: Thought Question

Write an argument to support your claims in an essay on the topic, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.

Requirements:
- Write 2 or more paragraphs.
- Introduce your claims, distinguish the claim(s) from opposing claims, and create an organization that establishes clear relationships among claims, counterclaims, reasons, and evidence.
- Develop claims and counterclaims fairly, supporting evidence for each while pointing out the strengths and limitations of both.
- Use words, phrases, and clauses to link the major sections of text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among claims, counterclaims, reasons, and evidence.
- Establish and maintain a formal style and objective tone.
- Provide a concluding statement that follows from and supports the argument presented.
- Use the words rationalize and indigenize. If you can.

Supporting Resources

Vocabulary

Nouns: significant, document, interpretation, evidence

Verbs: interpret, analyze, evaluate

Adjectives: important, significant, critical

Adverbs: significantly, importantly, critically

Writing Prompt

Write a paragraph that explains why the giant panda should or should not be listed as an endangered species.
Additional Example: Thought Question

Summarize the opposing viewpoints about whether Beyoncé and the Dixie Chicks should have performed at the 2016 Country Music Association Awards (CMAs), providing the rationale for both. Which opinion do you agree with, and why? Use facts and details from the Article to support your response.

- Write three or four paragraphs.
- Introduce precise claim(s) & develop counter claims
- Use words, phrases, and clauses to link the major sections of text, create cohesion,
- Establish and maintain a formal style and objective tone.
- Provide a concluding statement that follows from and supports the argument presented.
Reports

- Step 3: Activity - Student sees score real-time. Tutor sees Performance Report next-day.
  - Performance report shows specific Standards student completes and level of competency
- Step 5: Thought Question - Tutor reviews and sends back feedback (allow 24-48 hours)
- Tutor pulls reports regularly to see student progress (number of articles completed, grades on articles, Standards ability)
- Tutor pulls Lexile adjustment report 1st of every month
- Several other options, as requested/needed
RESULTS

• Timeframe: One Month

• Average number of articles completed per student: 9

• Points increase
  Low: 30  High: 240  Average: 144

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The Tutoring Center Objectives:

▪ Guide you through the 5-step process
▪ Pull reports often to let you know how you are doing
▪ Use qualified tutors to help you with specific needs
▪ Give your advisor/instructor updates
Tutoring Center: Writing/Reading Lab

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Thank you