

AP Statistics

Special Problem 0

Your first Special Problem is to write a one-page document on the computer, using a word processing package of your choice. (Note: A partial page will not suffice.)

Content. The first paragraph should be a brief autobiographical statement about yourself that will help me get to know you. What are your likes and dislikes? Who are your role models? What makes you unique? In the second paragraph, tell me two things you remember from a previous math course, preferably one unusually good experience and one remarkably bad experience. Or describe a math teacher you've had who stood out in some way. (Standing out in a positive way, or a negative way.) In the third paragraph, tell me about your plans for college or career. If you are thinking about a particular major, tell me about that and why you are interested in that field. Tell me about possible career interests in general terms. In the fourth and last paragraph, tell me something about this you and this statistics course. Possible areas to address: Why are you taking AP Statistics? Is statistics an important tool in the field of study you are considering? Have you had any previous connection with statistics? Can you give an example from the "real world" where statistics is or has been important to you personally?

Requirements. In order to demonstrate knowledge and facility with certain features of your word processor, after you finish writing your paper, I want you to:

1. Change the font to Times New Roman (if this is not available on your computer, use a simple newspaper-type font like the one you are reading). Make your font size 12 points.
2. Make the first line "Brief Autobiographical Sketch," and make the second line (the title) your name. Center both lines, and change your name to font size 18.
3. Insert the following paragraph headings, in order: Biographical, Retrospective, College, and AP Statistics, like the paragraph headings I have used on this sheet, and then put these words in bold.
4. Leave one line of space between the title and the first paragraph, and leave one line between paragraphs.
5. Put something (or some things) in italics, and underline something else.
6. Number your page at the bottom of the page, centered. Optional: Type your name as a footer in the bottom right-hand corner so that it will identify each page of your report.
7. Before you print the final copy, make sure you proofread your paper on the screen, and then check it for spelling and syntax.

Grading. This assignment is evaluated on: following instructions, computer facility, spelling, grammar and syntax, general interest, and whether your report was submitted on time.

Deadline. Special Problem 0 is due Friday, August 30.