

Inspired by Melinda Long's [How I Became a Pirate](#), these two seventh graders worked on their organizational skills as they created the following essays about jobs' pros and cons. Remember that a writer thinks about these things when organizing their writing:

- There is a strong introduction to the piece of writing
- The writing comes to a satisfying conclusion
- Transitions are used to move the idea along logically
- Paragraphs are written with purpose
- The conclusion might somehow links back to the introduction

Be prepared to comment on these five things after reading the following two essays. The online lesson that inspired this writing can be found by clicking [here](#).

Being a Vampire

by Kirsten, seventh grade writer

To live forever would be great...or would it? If you wanted that to happen, you would need to be a vampire. Being a vampire is not all fun and games though. There are pros and cons to go with this "job."

First, not being able to go out during the daylight would give you extremely pale skin. Another of the cons to go with this job is that you have no control over your desires. That is a major disadvantage because if the one you love is human, you could put them in serious danger by craving his or her blood. You might even fight to the death just to get that one human's blood. A final disadvantage would be the constant danger of losing your "second life" by getting pushed into a fire, attacked by a pack of wolves, or even killed with a crucifix through the heart.

But being a vampire is not all bad. One of the pros is that you have extreme running ability. You can run so fast you are nearly impossible to see. When becoming a vampire, there is also a fifty-fifty chance that you might inherit a power. Powers can vary from being able to read one's mind to changing how people feel about things. Finally, if you're all about how you look, you'll have the advantage of being beautiful and charming.

Living forever would be great if every day was a good one. Even though there are cons to being a vampire, there are pros too. Sometimes it takes just the meeting of a human to realize them. All in all, being a vampire is a great profession.



The Secret Life of a Tooth Fairy

by Simran seventh grade writer

So being a tooth fairy can be fun! I mean, can't you imagine the adventures, experiences, and the enjoyable moments that there will be? I can.

Being a tooth fairy is like having all the magic. So if I do get really hungry, I can just poof up some pancakes. Yummy! Hopefully my wand can do pretty cool stuff like that. Oh, and the pretty dress that I get to wear, which will be purple and blue. So as long there is no pink, I am totally fine with it. Along with that dress and the wand, I get wings, very pretty looking wings.

Okay, so there can't be anything bad about being a fairy, right? Wrong. Being the tooth fairy can simply be a lot of work at night. Okay, so I am a night person, but that does not mean that I am willing to get my butt outside and not worry about getting abducted, very scary.. Then there's the most horrible part: picking up teeth. You might be thinking there is nothing bad about picking up teeth and thinking that I must be crazy. Well, sometimes the teeth are not clean. They might be dirty and brown, might be filled with cavities. Ewwwww! And the other bad part is that I have to give out money. So I get millions of dollars but it's not for me. It's for kids. I do all the hard work yet the kids get the money. How cruel!

Overall, being a tooth fairy can be a tough job. This job can be both fun and horrible at the same time. I guess I will just stick to my original plan and become a lawyer instead!

