

## Problem-Solution Essay

## Writing Workshop

### Drafting and Elaboration

Below is a paragraph from a draft of a problem-solution essay arguing that students should remain at school during lunchtime. Revise the paragraph so that it states the problem more clearly. Use the Suggestions for Elaboration, the Reader's Notebook, and your own ideas. Write your revised paragraph on a separate sheet of paper.

#### Draft

What happens when students leave at lunchtime affects the whole of the school day. Even students who don't leave campus suffer the effects of students who return late, disrupting classes and treating their educational experiences like some business to be gotten through between social appearances. A good part of each class is wasted dealing with students who would rather not be there anyway.

#### Suggestions for Elaboration

- Explain why students leave campus at lunchtime and what they do.
- Detail more vividly how returning students are disruptive.
- Elaborate on the reference to "social appearances."
- Specify how other students suffer from the late students.

#### READER'S NOTEBOOK

■ Students have lunch at fast-food restaurants. ■ Some students use lunch to smoke or drink, then act up on their return. ■ Late students interrupt lectures, squander teachers' time with referrals and detentions, and cheat the class out of instruction. ■ Many of the lunchtime set are more concerned with spending time with their friends than learning. ■ Because a lot of them don't really care about school, they continue playing around when back in the classroom. ■ Other students suffer by having their concentration broken and their learning placed second to a group of tardy loudmouths.