

PREVIEW: VOCABULARY MATCHING

Locate the words on the left in the Essay. Match the words with their definitions on the right. Do not use a dictionary.

	WORDS		DEFINITIONS
1.	apprentice (v.)	(a)	To make incapable or ineffective; to impair physical ability.
2.	disable	(b)	To feel pain or distress; to sustain loss, injury, harm, or punishment.
3.	method	(c)	To place or take on as a beginner or learner, especially in a trade or occupation.
4.	suffer	(d)	A systematic way of doing something.
5.	affect (v.)	(e)	A catastrophe. A grave misfortune.
		(f)	To influence or effect a change in something.
		(g)	To persist with a purpose, idea, or task in the face of obstacles or discouragement.

READING SKILLS: SKIMMING

As a strategic reading skill, skimming means *getting the general idea*. Take two minutes or less to run your eyes over the questions below and the Essay. Then choose the best answer to the following questions.

- (1) Josiah Wedgwood was _____.
a) an industrialist
b) a potter
c) Both (a) and (b).
- (2) Did Wedgwood have an easy life? How so?
a) Yes. The Queen liked him ever since he was a little boy.
b) No. His right leg was disabled by disease and injury.
c) Both (a) and (b).

READING COMPREHENSION: SUMMARIZING

Read the Essay.

List the letters corresponding to the following sentences in the best order for a summary of the Essay.

- (a) When Josiah was 12 years old, smallpox disabled his right leg.
(b) This scientific, experimental approach enabled him eventually to improve or invent clays and glazes, and to bring the Industrial Revolution into pottery.