What to do to write the SAT essay

Follow these steps as you learn to write an SAT essay that will earn the score you want

1. Provide a clear thesis
2. Include both introduction and conclusion
3. Use clear effective language and word choice (refer to Forbidden Words List)
4. Only use information and quotes from the passage
5. Focus on relevant details
6. Read the prompt before the passage – underline tasks
7. When reading the passage accumulate/underline accurate facts
8. Minimum two pages
9. Be/remain objective – this is not about your opinion of the argument
10. Memorize and identify specific persuasive techniques
   a. Evidence – facts and examples to support claims
   b. Reasoning to develop ideas
   c. Stylistic and/or persuasive elements, word choice, appeals that add power to the ideas expressed
11. ANSWER THE PROMPT
12. Support your points with concreate evidence from the passage to demonstrate your understanding of the passage
   a. No summary
   b. Quote correctly
      i. Embed quotes
      ii. Quotes should be short
13. Use a clearly organized essay format
14. Time yourself
   a. Read – 5 – 10 minutes
   b. Analyze and plan – 7 – 12 minutes
   c. Write – 25 – 35 minutes
   d. Revise and edit – 2 -3 minutes
15. PRACTICE