

Name: _____

Written Composition: Expository

Read the following quotation.

“A hero is someone who has given his or her life to something bigger than oneself”

-Joseph Campbell

The ability to put others' needs before your own is an honorable trait. Think carefully about this statement.

Write an essay explaining what makes someone a hero.

Be sure to—

- Clearly state your thesis
- Organize and develop your ideas effectively
- Choose your words carefully
- Edit your writing for grammar, mechanics, and spelling.

DAY ONE

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Hook—(General comment about topic)

- Reword READ step

Bridge— (more specific)

- Reword THINK statement

Thesis Statement—

- Key words from prompt + answer to the prompt + 2 ideas from brainstorming

DAY TWO

Topic Sentence (TS):

- Topic from the prompt + opinion/example

Concrete Detail (CD):

- Introduction/transition words + “text” (example) to prove your TS

Commentary (CM) x 2: analysis/explanation/insight

CM₁: What does your CD mean?

CM₂: Why does your CD matter?

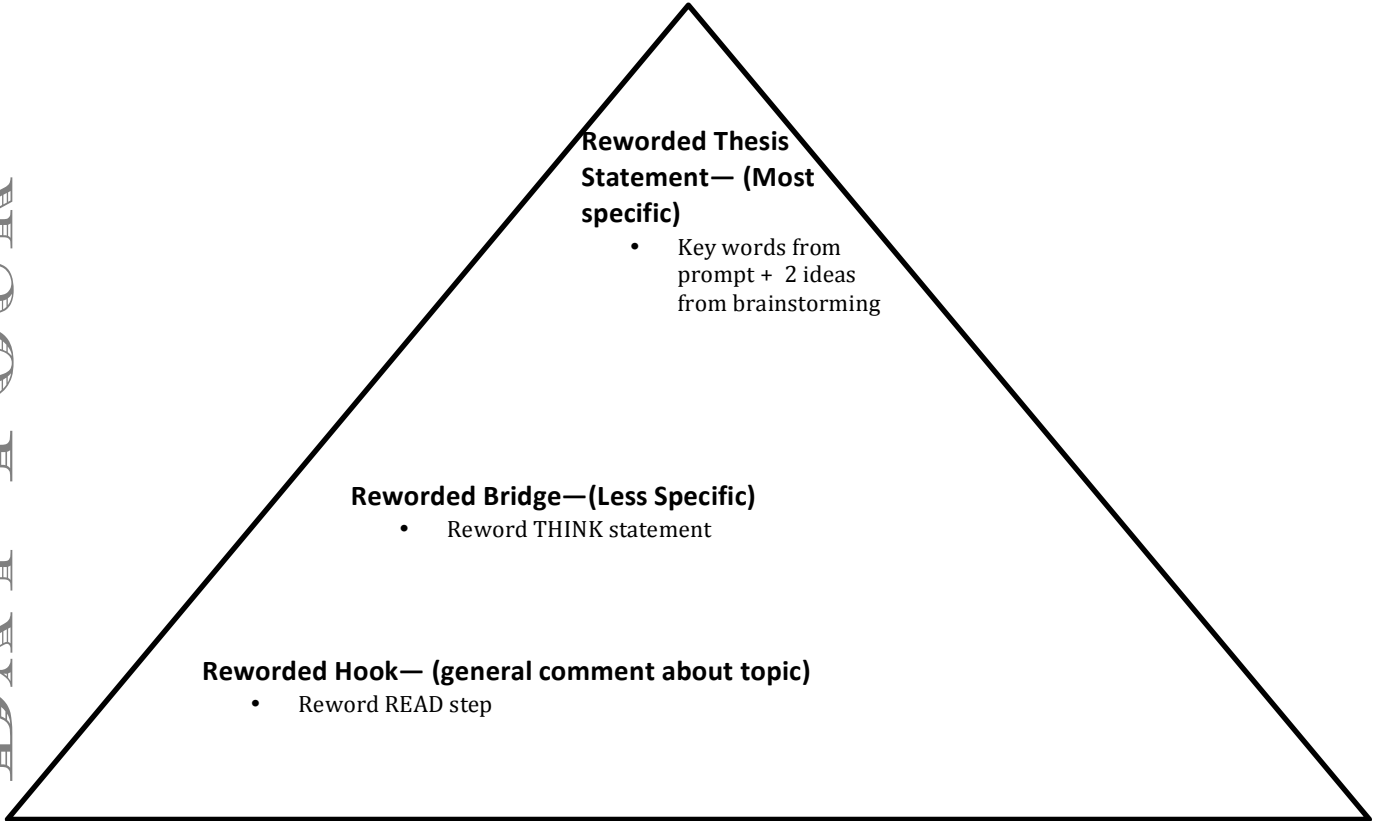
Closing Sentence (CS):

- One idea from this paragraph + one idea from the next.

DAY THREE

Topic Sentence (TS): <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Topic from the prompt + opinion/example
Concrete Detail (CD): <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduction/transition words + “text” (example) to prove your TS
Commentary (CM) x 2: analysis/explanation/insight CM₁: What does your CD <u>mean</u> ?
CM₂: Why does your CD <u>matter</u> ?
Closing Sentence (CS): <ul style="list-style-type: none">• One idea from this paragraph + one idea from the next.

DAY FOUR



STAAR WRITTEN COMPOSITIONS
EXAMPLE OF LINED PAGE

DAY FIVE

A large rectangular box with a thick dark blue border, containing 20 horizontal lines for writing. The lines are evenly spaced and extend across the width of the box, providing a template for a written composition.