

Name: _____

Written Composition: Expository

Read the following quotation.

“The most basic human desire is to feel like you belong.”
-Simon Sinek

What extent would someone go to in order to be accepted by their peers? Think carefully about this question.

Write an essay explaining why people follow the crowd.

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.

ONE
DAY

DAY ONE

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?

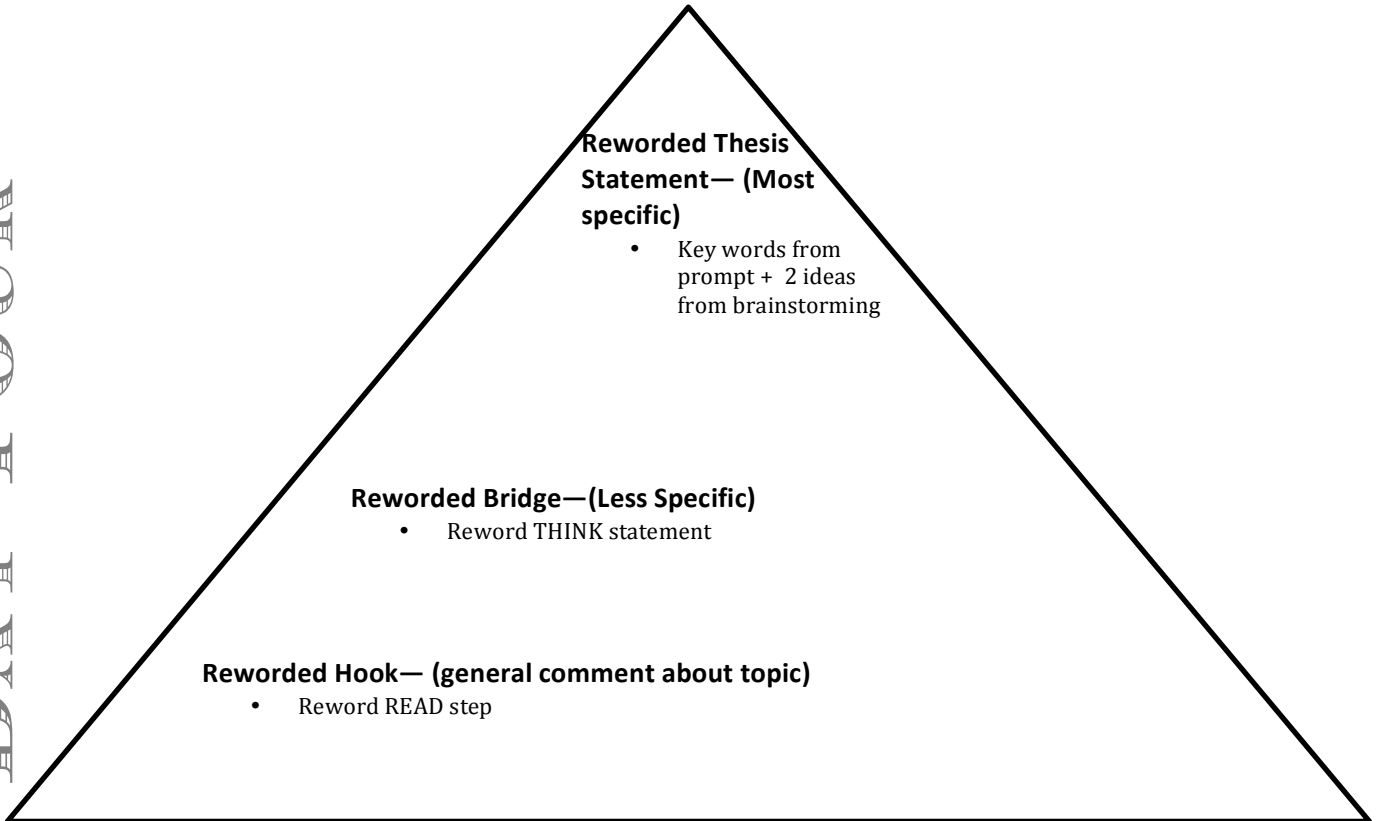
Closing Sentence (CS):

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

DAY THREE

<p>Topic Sentence (TS):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Topic from the prompt + opinion/example
<p>Concrete Detail (CD):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction/transition words + “text” (example) to prove your TS
<p>Commentary (CM) x 2: analysis/explanation/insight</p> <p>CM₁: What does your CD <u>mean</u>?</p>
<p>CM₂: Why does your CD <u>matter</u>?</p>
<p>Closing Sentence (CS):</p> <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. Inside the box, there are 20 horizontal lines, creating 21 rows of writing space. The lines are evenly spaced and extend across the width of the box.