

WRITING AN AWESOME PARAGRAPH: T.E.S.T.

T: TOPIC SENTENCE:

WHAT IS THIS PARAGRAPH ABOUT AND WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO PROVE? TRY TO ANSWER AT LEAST TWO OF THE THREE QUESTIONS IN YOUR TOPIC SENTENCE:

WHAT ARE YOU ABOUT TO SHOW? HOW ARE YOU GOING TO SHOW IT? WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO SHOW?

SENTENCE STARTERS:

"IN ORDER TO..." / "BY [DOING WHAT?]..." / "[ARTICLE NAME] RELIES ON..."

E: EVIDENCE (Including context/background information for the evidence):

LEAD-IN TO THE TEXTUAL EVIDENCE YOU ARE ABOUT TO USE. WHAT IS THE AUTHOR DISCUSSING (GENERALLY-SPEAKING) IN THE SECTION FROM WHERE YOU ARE PULLING YOUR QUOTE? WHAT DOES HE SAY EXACTLY?

CONTEXT SENTENCE STARTERS:

"ACCORDING TO [ARTICLE TITLE]..." / "[ARTICLE TITLE] DISCUSSES HOW..."

EVIDENCE SENTENCE STARTERS:

"[AUTHOR/ARTICLE/IT] SPECIFICALLY MENTIONS THAT/HOW..." / "[AUTHOR/ARTICLE/IT] POINTS TO HOW..."

S: SIGNIFICANCE (OF THE EVIDENCE): WHY IS THIS QUOTE IMPORTANT TO YOUR ARGUMENT? THIS IS THE MOST IMPORTANT ASPECT OF YOUR PARAGRAPH. IT'S WHERE YOU PROVE TO THE READER THAT YOU CAN THINK ON YOUR OWN.

SENTENCE STARTERS: *(YOU WILL REMOVE THIS SENTENCE STARTER ONCE YOU FINISH WRITING)

THIS IS IMPORTANT BECAUSE...

T: TIE BACK TO THESIS (ARGUMENT) / TRANSITION:

HOW DID YOU PROVE/ARGUE YOUR CLAIM BASED ON THE EVIDENCE YOU USED? (ANSWER THIS QUESTION BY USING THE SENTENCE STARTER)

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I SHOWED HOW...
