Writing Academy Agenda

Welcome (2min)

Norms (2 min)

Set Your Intention (3 min)

Rationale (20min)

Deconstruct the Prompt (80 min) – See It, Name It, Do It

* Expository Prompt
* Web Graphic Organizer
* Expository Pillar
* Authors Craft Writing Symbols
* Truisms

Reflections (5 min)

Campus Action Plan ( 30min)

Survey (2min)

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**Notes Page**

Set your Intentions

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Why is writing important for elementary students (Rationale)

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The Writing Process

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What are your Composition Resources?

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Steps to Deconstructing the Prompt

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Web Organizer Components

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Expository Pillar

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Introduction

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Main Idea Statement

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Main Idea Symbols

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Conclusion

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Additional Notes:

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**Prompt Writing Guide**

1. Deconstruct the Prompt
   1. Underline the BOLD words
   2. Read each action and complete
   3. Change the prompt to a question
   4. Underline the key words / circle # words
   5. Write a question
   6. Answer the question ( Look at your THINK action to help)
2. Complete Web Graphic Organizer
   1. Write answer to question inside Topic circle
   2. Write 2 Main Ideas to support topic
   3. Write your Conclusion (TRUSIM STATEMENT)
3. The Expository Pillar
   1. Write the Introduction
      1. Write the Lead Sentence
         1. Question
         2. Descriptive Segment
         3. Quote
      2. Write Topic Sentence including the main idea statements
   2. Write complete Main Idea Statements
      1. Develop details using the Author’s Craft Symbols
4. Conclusion
   1. Answer the prompt
   2. State your Truism

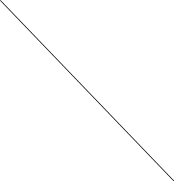
**The Expository Pillar**

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WEB Graphic Organizer

**Main Idea # 1 Main Idea # 2**

**TOPIC**



Conclusion

**Main-Idea Sentence Starters**

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| **It is amazing to think about** | **Would you believe that** |
| **Let me explain** | **So, what about** |
| **You’ll be excited to learn that** | **Incredibly** |
| **Do you realize that** | **It is true that** |
| **Have you ever thought about** | **So, you want to understand how** |
| **Have you ever wondered** | **Why do** |
| **Let me tell you about** | **How can** |
| **Of course, most people agree that** | **When do** |
| **Actually,** | **Where can** |
| **It is interesting to note that** | **How do(es)** |
| **In a funny sort of way** | **Most people believe that** |
| **Surprisingly,** | **Of course,** |
| **Nowadays** | **For sure,** |
| **Usually,** | **Often times** |
| **It’s incredible that** | **For years** |
| **Most often** | **Sometimes** |
| **Now that** | **Historically,** |
| **It is hard to believe but,** | **By the way** |
| **You’d better believe that** | **You will find that** |
| **You’ll soon see that** | **You’ll soon discover why/that** |
| **Don’t you think that** | **So,** |
| **Wouldn’t you agree** | **No one will argue that** |
| **Certainly,** | **Without a doubt** |
| **Positively,** | **Truly,** |
| **Normally,** | **In the first place** |
| **Finally** | **Imagine** |
| **Experts agree that** | **First of all** |
| **Let me fill you in on** | **In many ways** |
| **There are many reasons why** | **So why is (are)** |
| **There are many ways in which** | **What’s so great about** |
| **Interestingly enough,** | **Suppose that you** |
| **Let’s take a look at** | **Do you remember when** |
| **It all began when** | **Try to visualize** |
| **Have you ever seen** | **Are you aware that** |
| **It is fascinating to learn about** | **You may be surprised to learn that** |
| **Amazingly,** | **Strangely enough,** |
| **Unquestionably,** | **Indeed,** |
| **Surely,** | **Most people are unfamiliar with** |
| **Typically,** | **Experience shows that** |
| **In my experience** | **Most people agree that** |