

Game Plan

- Before reading the text**, find the **text dependent analysis writing prompt**. That way you will have in mind what you will have to write about before you read!
- Read the prompt three times** – YES 3 Times!!
- Underline what it is asking you to do.**
- Pull out key words from the prompt , and think about it. Make sure you are not missing anything! What exactly are they telling you to do? Spend time analyzing the prompt!**
- Write your topic sentence** – the one for your entire paper. Remember, use words from the prompt to write it.
- Now, go back and read the text.** It may be an article, a story, a poem, or two different things to read. Annotate the text as you go – keeping in mind what you will have to write about. 😊
- Before writing, read your prompt** again.
- Stop and think for a few minutes.** How many paragraphs will you need? How will you do what they are asking you to do? Go back and look over the text thinking about what you must do.
- Brainstorm!!!** Use scratch paper to get your ideas out. **Write what the prompt is asking you to do** at the top of your brainstorming scratch paper. You will need to continuously look at it to make sure you are writing about what you are supposed to write about! You can do a bubble map, a T chart, a list, or whatever helps you to get your thoughts out on paper.
- Plan out your paragraphs** with topic sentences for each and bullets for your main points. (Now you are organizing – introduction, body, conclusion)
- Go find evidence** that you can use **BEFORE you write** – circle it or highlight it. You may want to write these quotes from the text on your scratch paper. Remember, you **MUST** cite evidence to prove what you are saying.
- Write a rough draft.** For the LOVE of your English teacher, make sure you **CITE TEXTUAL EVIDENCE!!!!!!!** Also, make sure you stick to your topic sentence and explain yourself. Don't forget to “hammer the topic sentence home” in the last sentence of each paragraph. 😊
- Revise your rough draft** – Work on your word choice and make sure your essay makes sense. Do you need to add more evidence? Did you “Hammer home” the topic sentence by the end of each paragraph? Can you make your introduction better? Can you improve your conclusion?
- Edit your rough draft** –Does it fit? If not, what can you take out? Did you capitalize the beginning of every sentence? Look for grammar gremlins (its, it's, etc.) Do you have the correct punctuation at the ends of your sentences? Do you have commas where needed? Check your spelling.
- Write your final draft** in the text booklet. Take your time and write as neatly as you can. Make sure you indent.
- Read over your final draft** and make neat changes.