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Fantastic Writers Writing Expository Brainstorm & Outliner

Step 1: My prompt is: _____

Step 2: (Choose at least 4 topics/ideas that are very different and strongly related to your prompt)

*****You can also do a circle map or thinking map and brainstorm your ideas your way, skipping the rest of this sheet. Be sure ideas are strong and specific!!!!**

➤ Cross out the boxes if the prompt/topic is already narrowed and you JUST need sds.

Example #1: If your prompt is to write an expository essay about your favorite school year and why, possible topics could be: 2nd, 4th, 5th, 6th, etc.... The reasons “why” are the supporting details.

Step 3: Place a **big star** next to the **best idea/topic** and write it here (this is what you’re writing about).

Step 4: Write your central idea and background info in the box below (**must be a complete sentence and clearly show what your essay is going to be about!!**)

My Central Idea Sentence is: _____

Background/connector: (explain topic or provide more information about the topic) 1 sentence

Step 5-6: Develop 3 supporting details (S.D.) that support your main idea sentence and 2 examples for each S.D. that supports your supporting details. (PUT A STAR BY THE BEST 2 SD)

Example: If your main idea is: Mr. Smith is my favorite teacher...some possible supporting details could be: he's patient, gives cool prizes, he's always positive and nice to us). An example to support (S.D.2) gives cool prizes could be: he gives candy, toy cars, or gift cards.

Step 5: Supporting details in boxes below

Step 6: Put Examples of S.D. in boxes below

Step 7: Brainstorm your best titles (you must think long and hard about this! The prompt can't be in your title). Place a star by the best title. No title wanted []

1. _____

2. _____

Step 8: Write your strongest quote to be used *somewhere* in your essay, preferably for the final closing sentence or in the hook. hook quote [] body [] closing sentence []

How does this quote **STRENGTHEN** your essay? _____

Step 9: Practice intro: _____

STAAR WRITTEN COMPOSITIONS
EXAMPLE OF LINED PAGE

A large rectangular box with a thick black border, containing 25 horizontal lines for writing. The lines are evenly spaced and extend across the width of the box.

STUDENTS MAY NOT WRITE OUTSIDE THE BOX

