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Fantastic Writers Writing Expository Brainstorm & Outliner

Step 1: My prompt is: Write about a famous person you would love to meet and explain why?

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.

Lebron James

Elon Musk

★ Senator Cory Booker

Bill Gates

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: A famous and highly influential person I strongly desire to meet is the one and only, Senator Cory Booker of New Jersey.

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

Ex 1 = Although unsuccessful in gaining the Democratic Party Presidential nomination in 2020, my hero Cory Booker continues to be an outspoken critic of racial and economic injustice.

Ex 2 = Few people are aware that my hero, Cory Booker, became the first sitting senator to testify against another when he testified against Attorney General Jeff Sessions.

Ex 3 = My role model graduated from Stanford with a BA and MA (Bachelors + Masters) as well as attaining a law degree from the most esteemed Yale University.

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. (Specific)

Step 5: Supporting details in boxes below

Courageous

highly educated

Character

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

testified against another senator; did 10 day hunger strike

supported highly controversial hot button issues like slave reparations

Yale and Stanford Graduate; Rhodes scholar

Ran a student run crisis hotline

Did Big Brothers and Big Sisters volunteer

Did free legal clinics for low income residents
Christian values

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. A Man of Action

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

"You can't have a physical transformation until you have a spiritual transformation."

- Senator Cory Booker

How does this quote **STRENGTHEN** your essay? Shows/emphasizes the true nature and origin of change is always from within.

Hook

Step 9: Practice intro: Think about being escorted by heavily armed police as you drive through the city in an all armored, black and bullet proof SUV with tinted windows and unmarked government plates. A child sees you and runs to take your autograph, only to be tackled to the ground and pummeled. Of course this is an exaggeration but my hero lived under 24 hour police protection when he vowed to clean up the streets after becoming mayor of New Jersey in 2006. Immediately, a local street gang, notorious for violence placed a price tag on my hero's life. A famous and highly influential person that I eagerly aspire to meet is the one and only, Senator Cory Booker of New Jersey.