



# WRITING YOUR BEST

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# WRITING MAP

<b>Paragraph 1 (Introduction)</b>	<b>Introductory Information:</b> Have an interesting opening sentence that catches the reader's attention. Give some background information. Try using an <b>interesting fact</b> , an <b>interesting question</b> , or a <b>quotation</b> .
	<b>Thesis: (Last Sentence)!!!</b> Write a sentence or statement describing what your paper will be about. <b>What</b> subject are you talking about and <b>what about that subject?</b> For STAAR, your Thesis must answer the prompt.

<b>Paragraphs (After Introduction) (Chapters)</b>	Write a <b>topic (a sentence describing what your first paragraph is about)</b> / <b>Transition Sentence (For Example,)</b>
	Write a paragraph about the <b>first</b> item listed in your hook. Stick to the topic! DO NOT write about anything else in this paragraph!!!
	Make sure to include specific details and examples. It should ALL relate to your topic.

<b>Paragraph 3 (Conclusion)</b>	Write a final Transition Sentence <b>(In conclusion,)</b> <b>DO NOT REPEAT WHAT YOU'VE ALREADY SAID!!!</b> What can be done differently? What lesson did you learn? What can happen in the future?
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BONUS #2

## Writing Prompts Thesis Statements

1.

~~“Even if you're on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there.” ~Will Rogers~~

~~Success comes from hard work. If you are not willing to work for what you want, then you will probably never achieve it.~~

~~Write an essay explaining why hard work is necessary to be successful.~~

**DO NOT USE “I THINK, I BELIEVE, I FEEL THAT...” STAY AWAY FROM “I”**

Restate Prompt	Your Opinion
Hard work is necessary to be successful	in order to make it to the NFL.
Thesis: Hard work is necessary to be successful in order to make it to the NFL.	

2.

~~“The man who does not read good books has no advantage over the man who cannot read them.” ~ Mark Twain~~

~~Reading is the most important skill a person can learn. People who are able to read well are much more likely to be successful than people who cannot.~~

~~Write an essay explaining why reading is such an important skill to develop.~~

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Restate Prompt	Your Opinion
Reading is such an important skill to develop	because students need to graduate.
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3.

~~The mediocre teacher tells. The good teacher explains. The superior teacher demonstrates.  
The great teacher inspires.~~

~~Every great person was inspired by a teacher. Great teachers help students to explore and achieve and thrive. A truly great teacher can change the world.~~

Write an essay describing a teacher who was inspirational and influential in your life.

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Restate Prompt	Your Opinion
A teacher who was inspirational and influential in my life	was my
<b>Thesis:</b>	

4.

How far that little candle throws his beams! So shines a good deed in a naughty world.  
~William Shakespeare

It has often been said that nobody can do everything, but everyone can do something. Every act of goodness and charity, no matter how small, makes the world a better place.

Write an essay describing something that you can do to make the world a better place

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Restate Prompt	Your Opinion
<b>Thesis:</b>	

5.

Modern invention has banished the spinning wheel, and the same law of progress makes the woman of today a different woman from her grandmother. ~ Susan B. Anthony

Some inventions have had a huge impact on the way we live our lives. An invention may make our jobs easier, or it could change the way we communicate, or it might provide us with great entertainment.

Write an essay describing an invention that has influenced your life.

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Restate Prompt	Your Opinion
Thesis:	

6.

“The world is a book and those who do not travel read only one page.” ~ St. Augustine

Traveling and visiting other places can be very rewarding. The world is a very big and interesting place. You might not be able to see all of it, but you should try to see some of it.

Write an essay describing a place where you would like to travel and visit

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Restate Prompt	Your Opinion
Thesis:	

7.

A famous businessman once said, "Players win games; teams win championships."

Sometimes you can accomplish good things by yourself but better things with other people.

Write an essay explaining whether it is better to work by yourself or with a group.

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Restate Prompt	Your Opinion
Thesis:	

# WRITING ORGANIZER

## Introduction - Paragraph 1

Topic
Hook: 1.
Background: 2.
3.
4.
Thesis: Rewrite Here 5.

## Body Paragraph

(Transition - Start with) <b>For example</b> , USE EXAMPLES AND DETAILS (Draw the scenarios with words)
1. For example,
2.
3.
4.
5.
Final Paragraph (Transition - Start with) <b>In conclusion or overall</b> ,
1. In conclusion, (restate your thesis and give the learned lesson or what you will do in the future)
2.
3.
4.
What lessons did you learn? What are next steps?

# Website Links

Grammarly <https://grammarly.go2cloud.org/SHzx>

Transition Words -

<http://www.smart-words.org/linking-words/transition-words.html>