

2011 Expository Writing: Graphic Organizer, Grades 5-12

This graphic organizer shows the major expectations for the 5th - 12th grade writing assignment: At least five paragraphs to include 1 introduction paragraph with a hook and topic sentence, at least 3 body paragraphs, and 1 conclusion paragraph; at least 3 main idea (example or explanation) sentences about the topic; at least 2 detail sentences in support of each of the 3 main ideas. Refer to the Grades 5-12 Scoring Rubric for a complete listing of the assignment expectations.

Hook sentence to interest the reader.

Sentence that makes a statement about the topic (topic sentence).

Sentence that defines the three main idea examples (orange, green, brown) of your body paragraphs, or one transition sentence.

WHO

Sentence about the first main idea example or explanation.

Detail sentence about the first main idea.

WHAT

Detail sentence about the first main idea.

WHERE

Sentence about the second main idea example or explanation.

Detail sentence about the second main idea.

WHEN

Detail sentence about the second main idea.

HOW

Sentence about the third main idea example or explanation.

Detail sentence about the third main idea.

WHY

Detail sentence about the third main idea.

Restatement of the topic sentence, but in a new way.

Restatement of the three main ideas, but in a new way.

Wrap-it-up sentence. Restatement of the hook, but in a new way.