

Expository Essay Outline

Prompt that you chose:

I. Introduction

Background Information: _____

Thesis (must include component/s): _____

Be sure to include specific and well chosen details and examples from the ROSE strategy.

II. Body Paragraph One (Component 1)

Topic Sentence (must include a synonym of component 1): _____

III. Conclusion

Restate Thesis in Different Words: _____

Sustain focus, unity and coherence with the thesis statement by using a transition word.

Summary/Concluding Sentence: _____

Rough Draft

STAAR WRITTEN COMPOSITIONS
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Revision Checklist: (For a 3 paragraph essay)

Introduction:

- Make sure you have at least two sentences before your thesis (a general statement about the topic, quotation, allusion, example, anecdote, imagery, figurative language, etc.)
- Make sure you have a **thesis statement** with the reason you chose (Seeking vengeance is important because _____).

First Body Paragraph:

- Start with a topic sentence. It should be about the first reason in your thesis statement (this sentence should not discuss your example).
- Give a detail, situation, or person that shows/proves your thesis statement. This should be a supporting detail. (Chosen from petals R or O)
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- Explain how the example connects to your topic sentence of the paragraph.
- Include a transition word

Conclusion:

- Restate your thesis IN DIFFERENT WORDS.
- Add commentary/insight about your reasons—connect it to the bigger picture (what does this say about human nature?)

Revision Strategies:

- Find the following words in your essay and underline them. Either eliminate them or change them to stronger words:

Like	I believe	This	Kind of	Apart/ a part
Think	In my opinion	Just	As	Really
A lot	I think	Very	Sort of	Very
These	Feel	Used to	You	So

- Look at your body paragraphs. Make the one that is strongest your first body paragraph even if you have to change your thesis.
- Square the first word of each sentence. Write them down. Do you see a pattern? Can you change your sentence beginnings to add variety?
- Add two MAV Vocabulary words (make sure and use them correctly)
- Add figurative language—a nice simile, metaphor, or personification can go a long way!
- Add better diction—"exclaimed" or "stated" are more specific than "said"