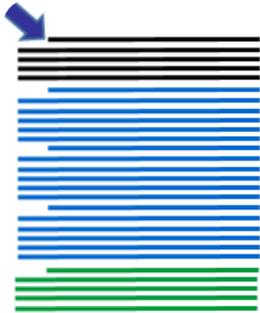


How to Organize a Text-Dependent Analysis (TDA) Response

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Use the Writer's Checklist (provided in the Forward Exam during testing) to plan, focus, and proofread your writing.



Introduction Paragraph

- **Restate the Prompt** - Use a combination of words and/or phrases from the first and second sentences of the prompt to create an introduction sentence.
- **Transition Sentence** - Connects one idea to another in your essay in a smooth and logical way. A transition lets your reader know that you about to change directions.
- **Thesis Statement** - This sentence gives your answer to the prompt using general examples from the passage and setting up the organization of your essay.

Body Paragraphs



- **Topic Sentence** - Use a transition word or phrase (connects one idea to another) with on of the examples from your thesis statement. (Keep your topics sentences in the same order as the examples appeared in your thesis statement.)
- **Text Evidence taken from Passage** - Provide an example, using text taken directly from the passage cited word-for-word.
- **Explain Evidence** - In your own words, explain how the text from the passage provides evidence to support the example in your topic sentence.
- **Infer** - Use the evidence, combined with your own information or logic, to provide a new idea about why the example you provided matters to the prompt. Explain how you came up with this new information/idea. Elaborate (give new information) about why the example you provided matters to the prompt. Ask yourself: How or why does this answer the question from the prompt?
- **Closing Sentence** - Restate your topic sentence using different words as your closing sentence.



Closing Paragraph

- **Thesis Statement** - Restate your thesis statement from the introduction paragraph.
- **Transition Sentence** - Connect one idea to another in your essay in a smooth and logical way. A transition lets your reader know that you are about to change directions.
- **Restate Prompt** - Restate your first sentence from the introduction paragraph.

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