***Expository Essay Packet***

**Step 1**. *Identify the main topic.*  
Try not to choose too general of reasons for supporting your topic. Select a narrow reasons to help explain the prompt and to make the essay interesting.  
 **Step 2**. *Gather facts and other information relevant to the topic.*  
Select facts and information from your own knowledge and experiences. Pre-write by listing everything you know on the topic so you may develop related ideas and specific details to support each idea.  
  
**Step 3**. *Write your clear and concise thesis statement in your expository essay's first or introductory paragraph.*  
Your thesis statement is the blueprint for your paper. The thesis statement drives the structure and content of the essay. It is important that your thesis statement is clear and can be supported with facts. THE THESIS STATEMENT FOR AN EXPOSITORY ESSAY SHOULD NOT EXPRESS AN OPINION OR STATE A CLAIM.  
  
**Step 4**. *Distribute your facts in your body paragraphs. Group your facts according to their commonalities. These commonalities should fall under the topics presented in the thesis statement. These are your reasons on how you are going to support your thesis.*   
Each body paragraph should tackle one key idea. Support each of your ideas in every body paragraph with relevant facts and figures. Avoid repeating facts in different paragraphs as it will make your essay look as though it was not carefully planned. Place facts whenever needed.  
  
**Step 5**. *Provide logical and smooth transition sentences between paragraphs.*  
The way in which you make a transition from one body paragraph to another should be logical. Otherwise, the whole structure of your expository essay will collapse.  
  
**Step 6**. *Conclude your essay*.  
Assess the topic in light of the evidence you provided. Your expository essay's conclusion is your last chance to establish the argument that you have derived from the key facts you discussed.

**\*\*REMEMBER AN EXPOSITORY ESSAY CAN BE WRITTEN AS A DEFINITION, COMPARE/CONTRAST, CAUSE AND EFFECT, and ILLUSTRATIONS AND EXAMPLES FORMAT.\*\***

**What is the prompt?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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**How will you format your paper to address the prompt? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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**Introduction**

Attention Getter: 1) a quotation 2) a fact or statistic 3) a general observation about the topic at hand 4) definition 5) Use an anecdote or story 6) Use humor 7) relate a personal experience

General Statement:

Thesis Statement:

**Body**

Topic Sentence #1:

Supporting Details:

a)

b)

c)

Conclusion: (Clincher Sentence)

Topic Sentence #2 (This topic sentence should include a transition (word or phrase) to show the connection between this paragraph and the previous one.)

Supporting Details:

a)

b)

c)

Conclusion: (Clincher Sentence)

**Conclusion:**

Restatement of Thesis and Central Idea:

Summarize evidence and details:

**Each Body Paragraph Should Include: P E E L**

**P oint** Make your point

**E vidence**

Back it up: Support your point with evidence & examples

**E xplanation** Explain how the evidence supports your point

**L ink** Link this point to the next point in the following paragraph.