

# English I Writing Expository Prompt

Read the following.

Technology offers endless possibilities.

Think about the many technological advances in recent years.

Write an essay explaining the effect of one new technology on people's lives.

Be sure to –

- clearly state your thesis
- organize and develop your ideas effectively
- choose your words carefully
- edit your writing for grammar, mechanics, and spelling

**Expository Planning Organizer  
Sample for Guided Writing**

**Thesis statement:** Digital photo enhancement is a new technology that subliminally effects the thoughts and actions of people around the world. In the digital age, one benefit is that we have become more aware of perception.

Main Ideas of the Thesis	
First Main Idea	Supporting Details
Ability to change pictures	Intentional manipulation
	Always an intended message to an audience
	Subliminal messages, people unaware
	Influence the masses on social media
	Anyone can do it, be responsible
Second Main Idea	
Change in perceptions	Subliminal messages influence behavior
	Small issues, personal
	Large issues, national elections
	People see what they want to see

**Concluding Statements:** It's important to be aware of subliminal messages in the age of digital photo enhancement. Perception is everything.

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## II. Body

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## III. Closing

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# Collaborative Interactive Writing Activity

Teacher directions - cut apart each part of the writing plan.

- Provide each group a part of the essay.
- Draft each paragraph using the plan provided.



Add a meaningful hook or lead to grab your reader's attention. Use this thesis or develop one with a similar idea.

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Write a topic sentence with the MI. Then add sentences with the supporting details.

## II. Body

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- You may add other supporting details. Use detail moves to make your writing interesting and engaging.

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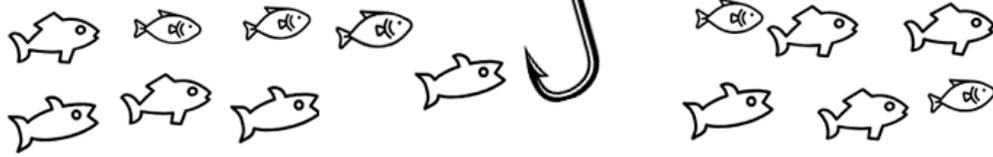
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Use the restated thesis or develop one with fresh new words. Use the parting thought or develop a new one to leave your audience with a thoughtful closing.

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# "Hook" Your Reader Author's Craft...



## A mentor text activity

**Directions:** As a collaborative activity, have students read and choose one sample “hook” or “parting thought.” Students may choose to use the exact “hook” or “parting thought” as stated or may choose to change some of the words. In middle school, truisms are effective introductory statements that represent a growing complexity in writing. The “hook” statements provided may include truisms or other effective methods enhancing the development of growing writers.

### Hook #1

There are things known and things unknown in perception.

### Hook #2

Photography has become a world of perception.

### Hook #3

As technology advances, so does our understanding of it’s influence in our lives.

### Parting Thought #1

Remember the saying, “There is no truth, only perception.”

### Parting Thought #2

In the new world of digital enhancements, it’s good to associate: Pictures. Photography. Perception.

### Parting Thought #3

To quote the artist and master of visual influence, Leonardo da Vinci, “All knowledge has its origin in perception.”

Beginning to end with “Parting Thoughts!”  
Leave the reader wanting more!

A hand-drawn illustration at the bottom right of the page showing a fishing hook and two small fish. One fish is positioned above the hook, and the other is below it, as if being caught.

## Planning Guide

### Expository

- I. Introductory paragraph
  - A. Topic included in the thesis statement
  - B. Main ideas of the composition
- II. Body paragraphs
  - A. Main idea stated in a topic sentence\*
  - B. Supporting detail\*\*
    - 1. Examples
    - 2. Cause and effect
    - 3. Personal experiences
- III. Concluding paragraph
  - A. Thesis statement
  - B. Main ideas of the composition
  - C. General parting thought

\* No set number of ideas or details

\*\* Other elaboration methods may be equally effective.

# Planning Organizer

## Expository

### Thesis statement

Main Ideas of the Thesis	
First Main Idea	Supporting Details
Second Main Idea	Supporting Details
Third Main Idea	Supporting Details

### Concluding Statement

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## Revision Checklist Expository

Introductory Paragraph				Concluding Paragraph		
Topic _____	Main Ideas			Topic _____		
Thesis _____	1 <sup>st</sup> Idea _____ E_____	2 <sup>nd</sup> Idea_____	3 <sup>rd</sup> Idea_____	Thesis _____		
Main Ideas 1. _____				Main Ideas _____		
2. _____				CE_____	CE_____	Parting Thought _____
3. _____				PE_____	PE_____	
				Other_____	Other_____	Other_____

### Sentence Variations

**Compound Sentence with correct comma usage before the FANBOYS \_\_\_\_\_**

**Complex Sentences with correct comma, based on subordinate conjunction placement**

**BONUS! Compound Complex Sentences with correct comma usage \_\_\_\_\_**

### Detail Sentence Leads – Author’s Craft: Place checkmarks next to the detail leads.

Details that Describe	Action Details	Persuasive Details	Details that Inform	Dialogue Details
State the obvious	Act and think	If...then	State the opposite	“Dialogue” with tags
Just like that	But, why???	Take the opposite side	What’s Next?	Instead of <i>said</i>
Action, action, action clues	Numbers date/time/value	Good insightful question(s)	High Interest – what’s next	Talking and thinking
In the middle	Location transition	Imagine this...	Positive sweet with a negative sour	Action and words
Zoom in & describe	Adverb comma	It’s complicated and complex	For the first time ever..	Tell me about it
Intentional repetition	<i>ings</i> phrases present participles	Now...Then	Define it	
Pop culture	Eds phrases	We... statements of unity	AKA – proper nouns	
Personification people characteristics	Onomatopoeia (sound)	Call to action	In other words (restatement)	
Set the stage		Hyperbole exaggerate!	Important or significant	
I, we, they think			Love, love, love	
			Historical reference	