

Name: _____

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THE BEST PET

WRITING PROMPT

What type of animal would do you think makes the best pet? Support your opinion.



1 What is your opinion on the topic?

2 Your opinion on the topic will be the main idea of your paragraph. Use this space to brainstorm reasons to support your opinion.



BRAINSTORM

3 ORGANIZE

Reread your list. Pick the three reasons that will best support your topic. Put them in the order you plan to write about them in your paragraph.

#	Reasons That Support Your Opinion
1	
2	
3	

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4 Write a topic sentence to introduce the main idea of the paragraph. Make it interesting so the reader wants to read more.

INDENT
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**TOPIC
SENTENCE**

5 Take the supporting reasons you have selected and write them as complete sentences on the graphic organizer.

After each supporting reason sentence, write another sentence to elaborate upon what you wrote.

Each elaboration should...

■ be a complete sentence

■ stay on the same topic as the sentence before it

■ give more information or an explanation about that sentence

DETAIL ONE

ELABORATION

DETAIL TWO

ELABORATION

DETAIL THREE

ELABORATION

**CLOSING
SENTENCE**

6 Write a closing sentence that sums up everything you wrote. The closing sentence should not introduce new ideas. It should give your reader a feeling of conclusion.

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EDITING

≡ CAPITALIZE

/ LOWERCASE

! ? ○ PUNCTUATION

^ ADD IN

— TAKE OUT

○ FIX SPELLING

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FOCUS	CRITERIA FOR SUCCESS	SCORE
TOPIC SENTENCE	___ gets the reader's attention ___ shares the author's point of view ___ is a complete sentence	/ 3
SUPPORTING DETAILS	___ includes at least 3 reasons to support the opinion ___ each reason has elaboration detail ___ opinions and reasons are linked using words and phrases	/ 3
SENTENCE VARIETY	___ almost all sentences start differently ___ almost all sentences end differently	/ 2
CLOSING SENTENCE	___ is a complete sentence ___ relates to the opinion that was stated and provides a feeling of closure.	/ 2
SPELLING	___ meets grade level expectations	/ 1
GRAMMAR	___ meets grade level expectations	/ 1
PUNCTUATION	___ meets grade level expectations	/ 1
CAPITALIZATION	___ meets grade level expectations	/ 1
WORD CHOICE	___ includes strong word choices ___ most sentences include an adjective ___ uses clear nouns (minimal pronouns)	/ 3
APPEARANCE	___ paragraph is indented ___ margins are straight ___ handwriting reflects best effort	/ 3
FEEDBACK:		TOTAL
		/20

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