

# Expository Writing

7th Grade English



# Expository Writing

- Explains
- Informs



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- Before you write, you should have a complete understanding of the subject, and it ends with a written piece that shows your ability to share this knowledge clearly.



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- You will be given a prompt to get you started in your subject search.
- Your job is to select a specific subject, or focus for your writing.



# Narrowing Your Subject

- Consider a number of possible subjects before you select one. Select a subject that truly interests you and that you something about (or are able to research).



# Gathering Details

- Start gathering information by listing all of your ideas about the specific subject.
- Use the line diagram to help you organize your ideas.



# Line Diagram

Michelangelo

David

- 26 year old when he sculpted it
- Showed a victorious David

Sistine Chapel

- Contains over 300 figures
- Completed in four years

St. Peter's Basilica

- Influenced Roman architecture
- Large scale



# Beginning

- In the opening paragraph, start with general comments about your subject that draw readers into the essay. Then state the specific part of the subject (your focus or thesis statement) that your writing will cover.



# Focus Statement(Thesis)

- Writing Assignment: Masters of the Renaissance
- Specific Subject: Michelangelo a great contributor to Renaissance Art
- Focus Statement : Major works that show Michelangelo's timeless genius as a Renaissance artist: David, Sistene Chapel, St. Peter's Basilica.



# Middle

- In the body of the essay, include information that supports your focus statement. Present this information in the best possible order; develop one main point per paragraph.



# Ending

- In the closing, you may want to restate the subject, summarize the main supporting points, and/or leave readers with a clear idea of the essay's importance.



# Background

- The next novel we will be reading in class is I, Juan De Pareja by Elizabeth Borton de Travino. This work takes place in Spain during the Renaissance.
- Many great artists, scientists, philosophers, composers and theologians contributed to inspiring and changing world views during this period.



# Prompt

- Who do you believe was the most important artist, theologian, composer or scientist to contribute to the Renaissance?