

Expository/Informative

Introduction

(Lead/Topic Sentence)

Main Idea #1

Detail

Detail

Detail

Detail

Main Idea #2

Detail

Detail

Detail

Detail

Main Idea #3

Detail

Detail

Detail

Detail

Conclusion

Expository/Informative Summarizing Framework

Topic: _____

Main Idea #1:

Main Idea #2:

Main idea #3:

Opinion

Introduction

(Lead/Opinion Statement)

Main Reason #1

Detail

Detail

Detail

Detail

Main Reason #2

Detail

Detail

Detail

Detail

Main Reason #3

Detail

Detail

Detail

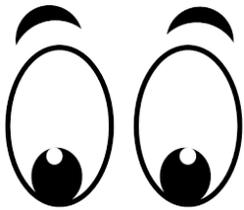
Detail

Conclusion

(Creative restatements of main reasons)

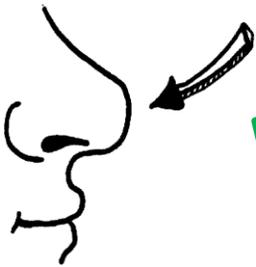
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Don't Tell



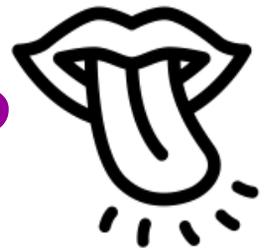
What do you see?

What do you hear?



What do you smell?

What do you taste?



What do you feel?

Detail Generating Questions

What does it “look” like?

Sound like? Feel like? Taste like?
Smell like? Seem like?

WDILL

Why is it important?

Why is it important
to your main idea?

WIII

Is each detail in a
separate sentence? Did
you give specific examples?



Main Idea/Reason Sentence Starters

Have you ever wondered _____?

Do you realize that _____?

It is amazing to think about _____.

Surprisingly _____.

Usually _____.

By the way _____.

Finally, _____.

There are many reasons why _____.

There are many ways in which _____.

How can _____?

There is no doubt that _____.

Why do _____?

Have you ever _____?

When do _____?

Of course _____.

For years, _____.

Sometimes _____.

You will find that _____.

Why are _____?

In many ways _____.

It is true that _____.

Where can _____?



Informative **VERBS**

These types of words can help you restate your main idea or main reasons in your conclusion paragraph.

- understand
- learn about
- discover
- uncover
- examine
- find out
- focus on
- remember
- explore



Conclusion

Definitive

Words and Phrases

These types of words help you sum up your expository and opinion pieces with authority.

- Without a doubt
- Surely
- Certainly
- After all
- Clearly
- Definitely
- For sure
- Truly
- Absolutely



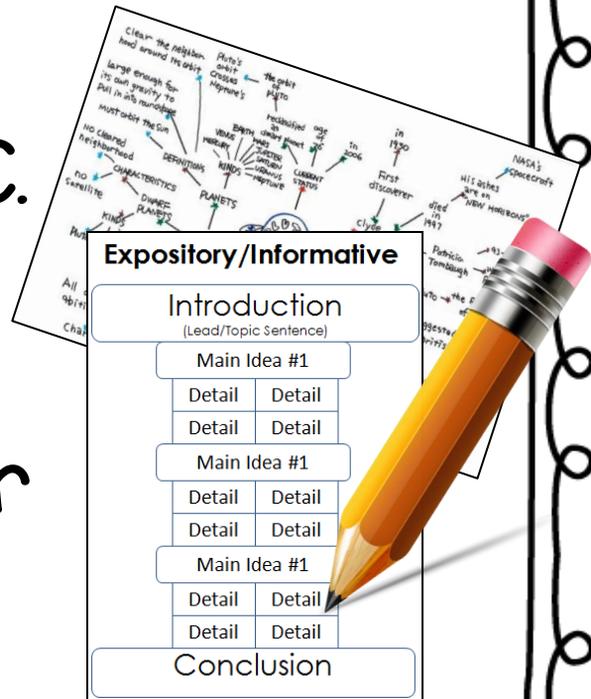
Conclusion

Planning an Expository Piece

1. **PICK** your TOPIC.

2. **LIST** what you know about your topic.

3. **CHOOSE** at least 2 **BROAD** yet **DISTINCT** ideas from your list. Be sure you can come up with at least 4 details to support the **MAIN IDEAS** you've chosen.



Golden Bricks

Powerful details that make expository writing more informative and help support a viewpoint in an opinion piece.

Expert Quote:

Words spoken by a person who has special knowledge about a topic.

- “A cat is a wonderful pet for busy families,” says veterinarian Dr. Jones.

Statistic:

A fact that is represented by a number.

- Yearly costs for a cat can be \$670.

