

## Emporium Model Basic Writing Assignment Prompts

### Module 1: Responding to Reading

Write a four paragraph paper in your Google folder as a new document.

Paragraph 1: You will begin with a paragraph describing the problem the article discusses.

Paragraph 2: The next paragraph will be a description or summary of the article so readers know what you are talking about. You will need to identify the author and title of the article you are referring to.

Paragraph 3: The third paragraph will describe something you know related to the topic of the article. You will describe your experience with the problem or topic.

Paragraph 4: The last paragraph will comment on the problem or suggest a possible solution. You will end the paper by describing how your experience connects with the way the problem or topic is described in your article.

Example: For instance, if you chose to read an article about eating enough fruits, you will first explain why a healthy diet is important and how fruits are part of a healthy diet.

Then you will summarize what the author says about fruit eating in the first paragraph.

In the next paragraph, you will write about your own fruit eating habits.

In the last paragraph, you will write about how your experiences eating fruit compare to what the writer says about eating fruit.

Your reading log responses will help you in writing this paper.

At the bottom of the paper, you will include the works cited information.

### Module 2: Essay Structure

Write a multi-paragraph essay. In this essay, you will describe the issue that the two articles you have chosen talk about in the introduction paragraph. You will tell readers what the issue is with enough details that they can see why the issue is important to particular people. In the next paragraph, you will summarize the first article remembering to give the author's name and article title so readers know the ideas come from someone else. You will then have another paragraph summarizing the second article. You will provide a fourth paragraph describing your experience with this issue. You will end your paper with a conclusion paragraph that looks at how the issue could be solved or examining why it is not easy to solve. You will need to provide works cited for the articles you use in your paper.

### Module 3: Putting ideas together

In Module 2, you wrote about how the perspectives of two articles related to your personal experience. In the next three modules, we will work on another way to relate articles together. In this module, we are beginning working on the essay where you present your own idea that links two different articles together. Often in classes such as Sociology, English, and History, you need to explain how two different authors can be talking about the same topic but in different ways. Alternatively, you can write about how they agree on some points, but they disagree on other important points. Your job as the author of your essay is to explain the similarities or differences. You then provide your own new way to see them both by presenting your view that puts the ideas of the other authors together.

### Module 4: Persuasive Writing

For this essay, you will only need to find three articles on the same topic if you are aiming for 1000, four if you are aiming for 1001. You can choose to write on a new issue. If you decide to write on a new topic, you will need three new reading logs--one for each article. Please check with your instructor about what topic you will be writing about for this assignment. The sources for this essay must come from the Library database called "Academic Search Complete."

In this next essay, you will assert a specific way to understand the situation you wrote about, and you will use the articles in your "argument". For an academic argument, you present a position on a topic. Then you present reasons why you take this position using articles to support your position. You then consider why others might disagree with you. Finally, you explain how you address the objections, and suggest actions we might take or implications of your position.

Paragraph 1: Involve your readers in your topic. Let them know why this issue is important. Tell them what your position is on this issue with at least three reasons that support your position.

Paragraph 2: The paragraph should start with a topic sentence that gives one reason for your position on the issue. Explain why you think that reason supports your point of view. Use evidence from one of your articles to help support your reason. Tell your readers how the evidence from the article supports your reason. Connect the reason in this paragraph to the reason in the next paragraph.

Paragraph 3: The paragraph should start with a topic sentence that gives one reason for your position on the issue. Explain why you think that reason supports your point of view. Use evidence from one of your articles to help support your reason. Tell your readers how the evidence from the article supports your reason. Connect the reason in this paragraph to the reason in the next paragraph.

Paragraph 4: The paragraph should start with a topic sentence that gives one reason for your position on the issue. Explain why you think that reason supports your point of view. Use

evidence from one of your articles to help support your reason. Tell your readers how the evidence from the article supports your reason. Connect the reason in this paragraph to the reason in the next paragraph.

Paragraph 5: Describe what people who disagree with you might say. Why do they say it? Why do you think it is incorrect and your position is better?

Paragraph 6: The conclusion should suggest actions or to discuss the implications of adopting your position.

Works Cited: You will need to provide works cited for the articles you use in your paper.