

## Writing a Six-Line Response to a Selection

Identify one skill that Eric uses to promote the skateboard park. Use specific details from the selection to explain your answer.

### TOPIC SENTENCE

clearly answers the question

### SUPPORTING

**DETAILS** are specific and relevant

Eric promotes the park by being prepared. For example, he brings to the meeting a picture of a busy skateboard park in another town to show how popular the sport is. Also, he has already considered how he and his friends can help build the park by designing ramps. This means that he has a good answer when Mr. Hanson asks about his contribution. These details prove how well prepared Eric is.

### TRANSITIONS

(underlined) introduce ideas, examples, or concluding sentences

### CONCLUDING SENTENCE

restates idea in topic sentence, but in different words (include if you have room)

## Finding the Main Idea

TOPIC  
+  
OPINION / CONTROLLING  
IDEA

“What about the topic?”

Put these together  
and you have the  
MAIN IDEA

### Template for an Outstanding Answer

The main idea is that \_\_\_\_\_

For example, \_\_\_\_\_

This demonstrates \_\_\_\_\_

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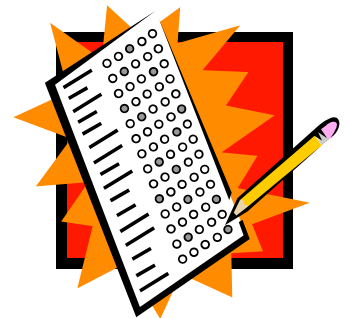


## Strategies for Success

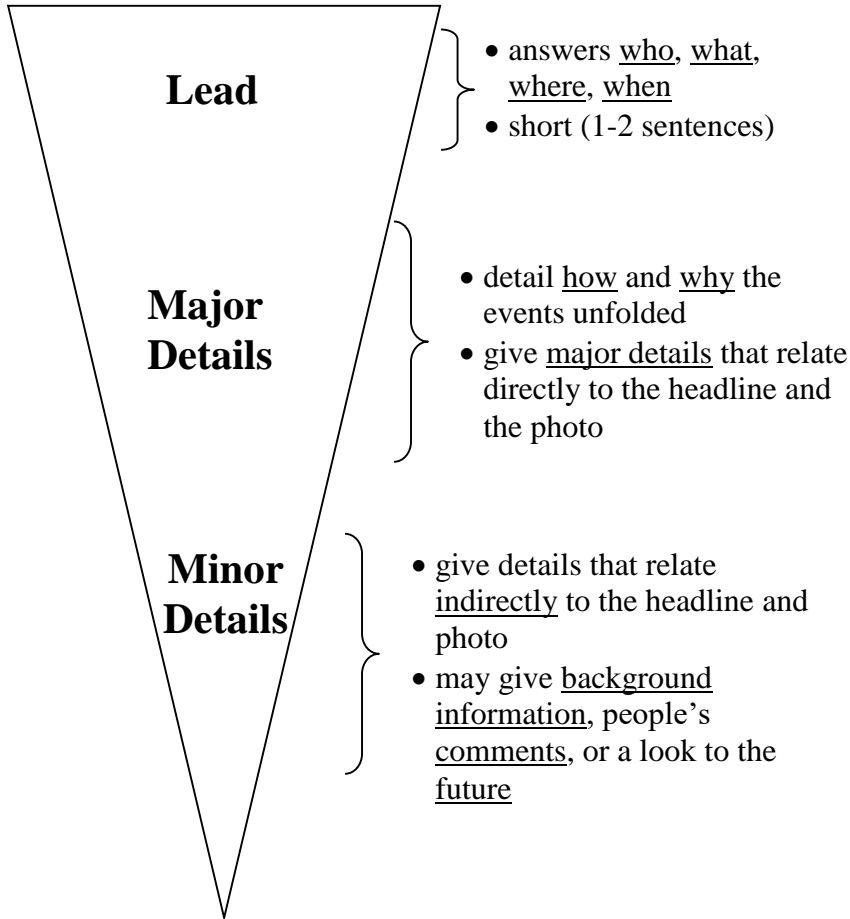
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### Answering Multiple Choice Questions

- Begin by reading the selection slowly and carefully. Reflect on what you're reading.
- Read questions carefully, highlighting key words.
- Reread parts of the selection to find the answers *or* clues to the answers.
- Mark up the reading. Highlight or underline the answers or clues you used to find the answers.
- When you see details in the selection that prove an answer option is wrong, cross it out on the question sheet.
- Don't leave questions blank.

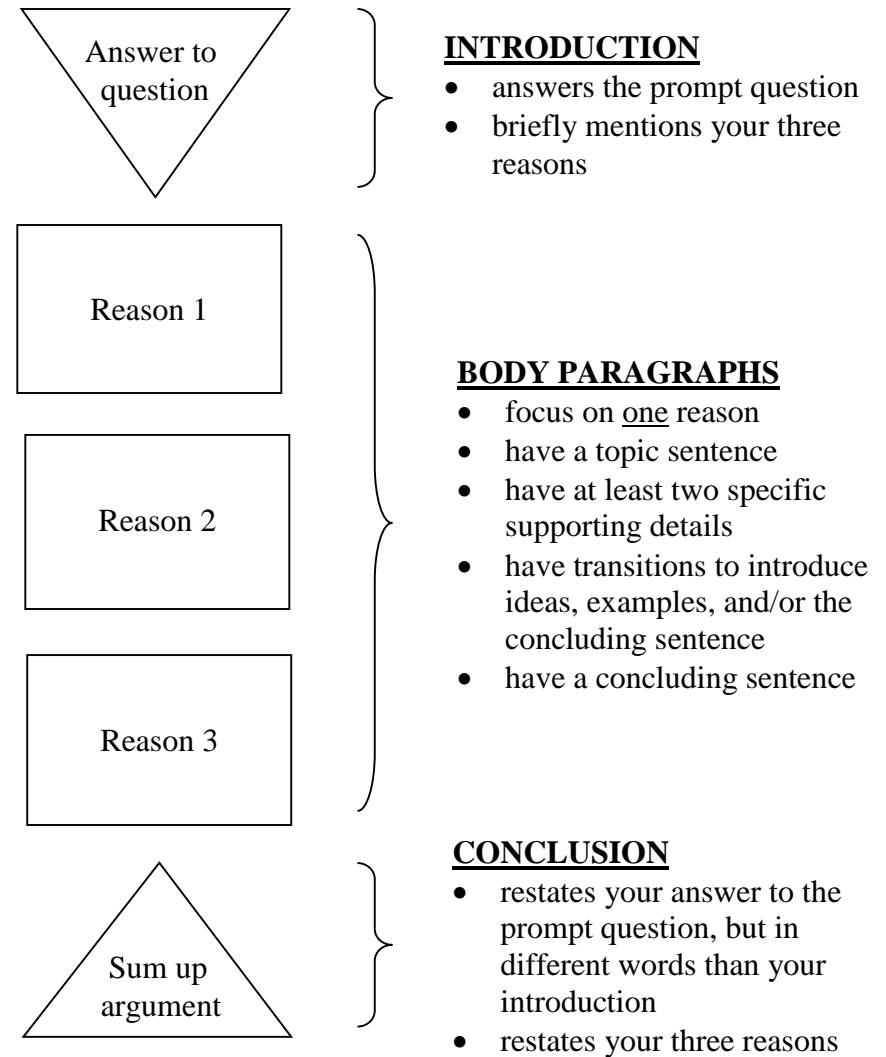


## Writing a News Report



- Fill all the lined space.
- Include one or more quotations. Be sure to use the speaker's first name, last name and title.
- Keep your paragraphs short and focused.
- Proofread carefully when you're done.

## Writing a Series of Paragraphs



- Fill all or nearly all of the lined space.
- Proofread carefully when you're done.