**Informative/Expository Essay Template**

Directions: Use the frame below as a guide to write your essay. Each sentence of the introduction paragraph is highlighted a different color so that you can clearly see where the sentence ends. You must insert your own information inside each of the parenthesis (). When you are writing/typing your essay DO NOT include the actual parenthesis.

**(Insert “Hook” which should be the question from the prompt. Your hook should include the title of the text and author’s name). (Insert author’s last name) writes to (select one: inform/persuade/entertain) the reader that (insert central idea/theme). (Insert point 1). (Insert Point 2). (Insert your thesis statement…thesis should combine point 1 and 2, and include words from the prompt, and answers the prompt)**

(Restate your first point). According to the text, (“insert evidence.”) This evidence shows (explain the evidence). Next, (Insert author’s last name) explains, “(insert 2nd piece of evidence.)” This evidence shows (Explain the evidence). Write a sentence that concludes/summarizes the paragraph.

(Restate your second point.) According to the author, (“Cite evidence that supports your 2nd point”.) This evidence demonstrates (Explain the evidence). Also stated in the text,“(Cite evidence)”. This shows (Explain quote). Write a sentence that concludes/summarizes the paragraph.

In conclusion, (reword your thesis statement). (Write 3 sentences to complete your essay)