

# Decode the Prompt



*What does that mean?*

fiction  
write an original story  
write an original narrative characters



**Write a story**  
**Name character(s)**  
**Include a problem and solution**

explain the process  
sequence the events  
order the events  
describe the steps  
from beginning to end  
show the time line  
over time  
evolution/evolve  
initial to now  
conception to current



**Write information**  
**List steps**  
**Use *first, second, third***

identify the main points  
explain the main ideas  
provide multiple reasons  
describe the topic  
identify the types  
explain different kinds  
describe the parts  
name the facets



**Write information**  
**3 points or reasons**  
**Topic sentences and details**

write a comparison  
compare \_\_\_ to \_\_\_  
show how alike and different  
explain similarities and differences  
details presented about both  
identify similarities  
main differences  
evaluate the main differences



**Write information**  
**Explain how they are similar**  
**Explain how they are different**

determine a position  
write an opinion  
make a claim  
draw conclusions  
provide multiple reasons  
support reasons with evidence



**Write a persuasive**  
***What you think (opinion)***  
***Why you think it (3 reasons)***

argue if \_\_\_ or \_\_\_  
provide multiple reasons  
consider multiple perspectives  
address both viewpoints  
include opposition  
provide counterclaims  
determine strengths and weaknesses



**Write a two-sided argument**  
**What you think & Why you think it (3 reasons)**  
**Explain 1 reason for opposition (counterclaim)**