



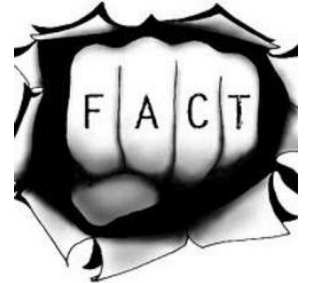
CEC Writing Format

Always start here when writing



Claim

A statement saying something happened in a certain way or will happen in a certain way. It is presented as a fact.



Example: *In Act IV, Proctor shows he clearly values his reputation by hesitating to sign a written confession, which Judge Danforth would then post on the church door for all of the townspeople to read.*

Evidence

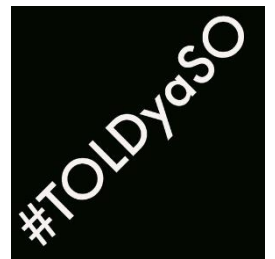
A statement from an expert source proving you are telling the truth in the Claim.



Example: *When Danforth asks him why he is refusing to sign his name, Proctor replies with a sudden outburst stating, "Because it is my name! Because I cannot have another in my life! I lie and sign my life to lies! How may I live without my name? I have gave you my soul; leave me my name" (Miller Act IV).*

Commentary

A statement or multiple statements that explain in detail WHY the evidence proves the Claim is a fact.



Example: *Proctor decides to tear through the written confession showing he values his reputation more than life, as this act ultimately will lead to his death.*



Once all of the CECs are written, then AND ONLY THEN write the Transition, Topic and Closing Sentences.