**1. Read the entire prompt once.** (Seriously! Don’t skim it.)

**2.** **TAP each prompt** by identifying the Topic, Audience, and Purpose for each essay.

**Prompt #1**

People communicate with each other in many different ways. Some people just talk to each other face-to-face. Others use “snail mail,” e-mail, texting, skype, the telephone, books and magazines, radio, and TV to communicate. Write 2-3 paragraph essay in which you compare and contrast two ways that people communicate with each other.

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**Prompt #2**

Role models are people who show us how to be our best selves. They may have character traits we admire, like courage or intelligence. They may be people who are famous or people who are members of our own families. Think about the people who are role models for you. Write an essay in which you identify one of your role models and explain the effect this role model has had on your life.

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**Prompt #3**

It’s fascinating to think about how authors write great books. Great books have interesting characters, surprising plot twists, and powerful life lessons. Think of one of your favorite books. Write an essay that explains how you think the author wrote that book. Walk your reader through the sequence of what the author probably did to create their great book.

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**Prompt #4**

For many students, life changed when they moved from elementary school to junior high. They may have to deal with different schedules, classes, and amounts of homework. Think about how your junior high school experience. Write an essay that describes junior high to someone that is unfamiliar with junior high. Be sure to include the most important details about this type of school.

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**Prompt #5**

Write a dummies guide in which you explain how to make something. You might write about a food item, a handcrafted item, or anything else that you know how to make. Be sure to clearly explain each step in the process so that a reader could make the item the way you do.

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**Prompt #6**

Social networking sites are a big part of most teenagers’ lives, but do you think the positive aspects of social networking sites outweigh the negatives? Write a parent’s guide article in which you explain the effects that social networking can have on teenagers.

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**Prompt #7**

The State of Utah needs more money for public schools. They could save money by following Idaho’s example and having a 4-day school week. Eighty minutes would be added to every school day. School would start at 7:30 and end at 3:40. School would only be held Monday-Thursday. Write a letter to the superintendent that takes a position on this issue and tries to persuade him to believe like you.

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**Prompt #8**

A wealthy donor plans to build a new facility that will benefit young people in your area. It could be a swimming pool, a theater, a skateboard park, an art school, or any other facility that would provide young people with constructive ways to spend their time. The donor is not sure what kind of facility would be most useful. Write a letter to the donor in which you identify the type of facility you would like to have built, and persuade her that it is the best choice. Be sure to support your opinion with convincing reasons and evidence.

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