## **Modes of Writing Task**

Using the topic you've decided upon and the research you've completed, create two well-crafted paragraphs in each of the modes of writing – narrative and informative (expository). Your two pieces will be judged using the rubric below.

Include a properly-formatted MLA Works Cited page with at least two citations to indicate your sources.

| Nitty-         | Nitty-Gritty Checklist |                                   |                              |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|----------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| My paragraphs: |                        |                                   |                              |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| □ Is           | typed                  | ☐ Has an MLA heading              | □ Is double-spaced           |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| □ Is           | in a size 12 font      | ☐ Has 1" margins on all sides     | ☐ Has a title                |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| □ Н            | as been spellchecked   | ☐ Has been read by another person | ☐ Is something I'm proud of! |  |  |  |  |  |  |

## **Rubric**

| Criterion                   | 1-2                                   | 3-4                              | 5-6                               | 7-8                               |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
|                             | "Below"                               | "Progressing"                    | "Meets"                           | "Exceeds"                         |
| B. Organization             |                                       |                                  |                                   |                                   |
| i: employ organization      | Makes <b>minimal</b> use of           | Makes <b>adequate</b> use of     | Makes competent use of            | Makes <b>sophisticated</b> use of |
| structures that serve       | organizational structures though      | organizational structures that   | organizational structures that    | organizational structures that    |
| the context and             | these may not always <u>serve the</u> | serve the context and intention. | serve the context and intention.  | serve the context and intention   |
| intention                   | context and intention.                |                                  |                                   | effectively.                      |
|                             |                                       | The organization of ideas often  | The organization of ideas is      |                                   |
| <u>Organization</u>         | The writing is not organized;         | doesn't follow a pattern and the | generally logical; the writing is | The organization is effective;    |
| structures=PEEL and         | information and details are           | writing is confusing in several  | occasionally confusing            | ideas are arranged logically and  |
| narrative structure         | presented randomly. Remember          | places Remember to think         | Remember to think PEEL for your   | the writing flows from one idea   |
| learned when we             | to think PEEL for your                | PEEL for your informational      | informational paragraph.          | to another without making the     |
| discussed modes of          | informational paragraph.              | paragraph.                       |                                   | reader stop to try and            |
| writing.                    |                                       |                                  |                                   | understand                        |
| Serve the context and       |                                       |                                  |                                   |                                   |
| <u>intention</u> =narrative |                                       |                                  |                                   |                                   |
| paragraph is meant to       |                                       |                                  |                                   |                                   |
| engage reader and           |                                       |                                  |                                   |                                   |
| informational               |                                       |                                  |                                   |                                   |
| paragraph informs with      |                                       |                                  |                                   |                                   |
| "just the facts."           |                                       |                                  |                                   |                                   |

| ii: organize opinions<br>and ideas in a logical<br>manner.  | Organizes opinions and ideas with a <b>minimal</b> degree of logic. Remember, opinions only in informational paragraph. | Organizes opinions and ideas with <b>some degree</b> of coherence and logicRemember, opinions only in informational paragraph. | Organizes opinions in a logical manner, with ideas building on each otherRemember, opinions only in informational paragraph. | Effectively organizes opinions and ideas in a logical manner with ideas building on each other in a sophisticated wayRemember, opinions only in informational paragraph. |
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| C. Producing Text ii. Make stylistic choices in terms of devices, demonstrating awareness of impact on an audience.   | Makes minimal stylistic choices in terms of literary devices, demonstrating limited awareness of impact on an audience. | Makes <b>some stylistic choices</b> in terms of literary devices, demonstrating adequate awareness of impact on an audience.   | Makes thoughtful stylistic choices in terms of literary devices, demonstrating good awareness of impact on an audience.      | Makes perceptive stylistic choices in terms of literary devices, demonstrating clear awareness of impact on an audience.   |
| Stylistic choices=you have considered literary devices or elements or terms we have discussed this quarter.   | Each paragraph has the correct mode characteristicsAuthor has considered word choice.                                   | Each paragraph has the correct mode characteristicsAuthor has considered word choice.  | Each paragraph has the correct mode characteristicsAuthor has considered word choice.  | Each paragraph has the correct mode characteristicsAuthor has considered word choice.  |
| iii. Select relevant details and examples to develop ideas.  Relevant details and examples=evidence and explanation. Remember your PEEL practice. In both informational and narrative writing, you must include ideas and explanation to communicate your ideas. Think—why and how. | Selects few relevant details and examples to develop ideas.   | Select some relevant details and examples to develop ideas.  | Selects sufficient relevant details and examples to develop ideas.   | Selects extensive relevant details and examples to develop ideas with precision.   |