

CUBE IT!	ICON	QUESTIONS	WHEN TO USE IT
Tiny Story Anecdote/ Narrative (past tense)	Watermelon: The Big Idea Watermelon: Sice: Your Topic Small Moment	What happened? Why was it important? What was your personal experience with this topic?	 Intro An Example after: Reasons & Explanations Definition
Sensory Snapshot (present tense) Description		What does it look like? What does it sound like? What emotions are felt? What does it feel like? What does it smell like?	 Into paragraph + definition Into paragraph + reason & explanation
Compare/Contrast (present tense) Example/Non Example Simile & Metaphors		What is something else that is similar? How so?	• In the body of your essay
Reasons & Explanations (present tense) Analysis Cause and Effect Pitchforking		What is your reason for this thought? Can you explain it from a different perspective?	• Intro • Conclusion
Definition (present tense) Facts & Information		How would you define this topic? Can you clarify this? How would you explain this to someone who doesn't know about it.	Intro paragraph Body
Connections (present tense) to books, movies, characters, news, self Barry Lane's "circles"		What book/Movie/Character/Event does this remind you of?	Body of your essay

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Lesson & Advice (present tense) Persuasive		What have you learned? What advice do you have? If you could do it again, what would you do?	• Conclusion
Link with transition words		Use: Certainly, surely, without a doubt, clearly, decidedly, truly, definitely, undoubtedly, indeed, obviously, most would agree that	• Conclusion

Important notes: students need to change from present tense to past tense

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