

## How to Write a Reflective Essay

### Introduction Paragraph

\*Engage the reader

\*Respond to the prompt

-Re-write the quote or part of the quote and explain what it means to you in your own words

\*How does the quote relate to you?

~In other words, tell briefly how the prompt/quote relates to you. Open your essay so that it is interesting for the reader. Don't forget to rewrite the quote or reword the prompt.

### Body Paragraphs

#### Body Paragraph #1

\*Provide the background of the significant event-who, what, where, when or the beginning of the "story" that relates to the quote/prompt using sensory details, dialogue, description, etc.

\*Explain how it is connected to the quote / prompt

\*Write your REFLECTION/THINKING/FEELINGS during this part of the event

#### Body Paragraph #2

\*Provide the next part of the significant event/incident using sensory details, dialogue, description, etc.

\*Explain how this part of the event is related to the quote / prompt

\*Write your REFLECTION/THINKING/FEELINGS during this part of the event.

#### Body Paragraph #3

\*Provide the next part of the significant event/incident using sensory details, dialogue, description, etc.

\*Explain how this part of the event is related to the quote / prompt

\*Write your REFLECTION/THINKING/FEELINGS during this part of the event.

### Conclusion Paragraph

\*Restate and refer back to the introduction how the quote related to you from this significant event/incident/situation.

\*Explain and summarize what you learned from the event/incident in relation to the prompt/quote.

\*Add/expand your thoughts with some final insights about the quote /prompt.