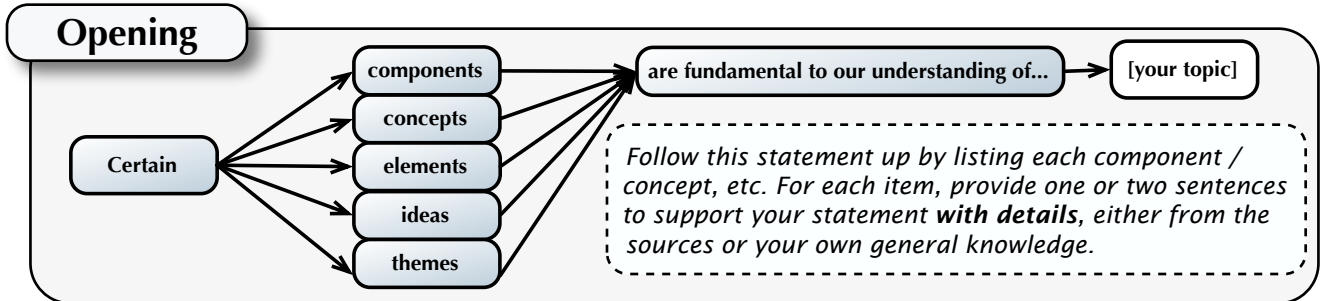


I.B. Command Terms Primer

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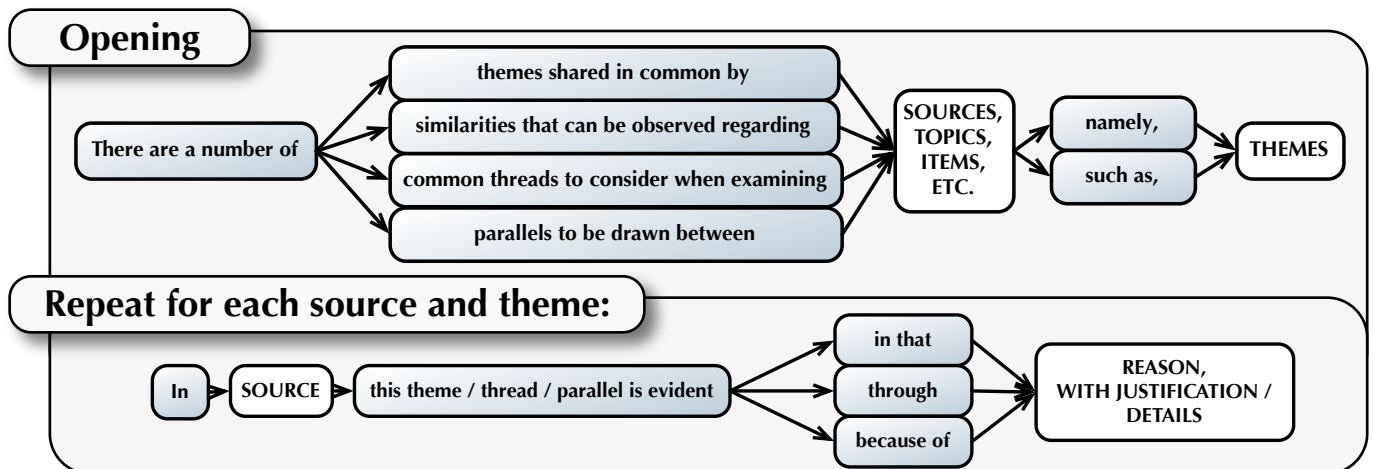
ANALYZE

“Break down in order to bring out the essential elements or structure.”



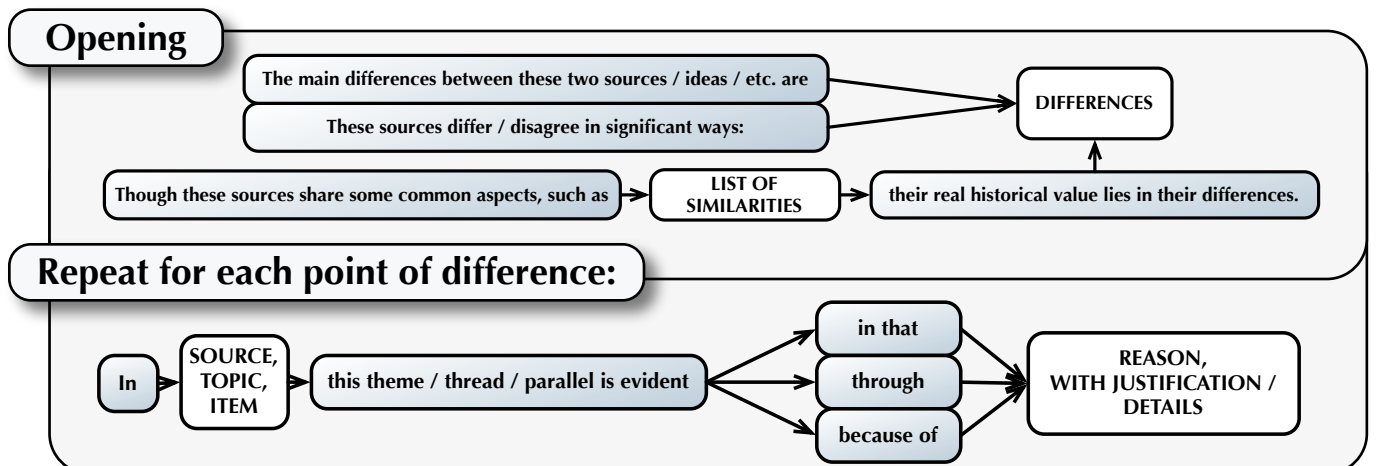
COMPARE

“Highlight the similarities between two sources or concepts.”



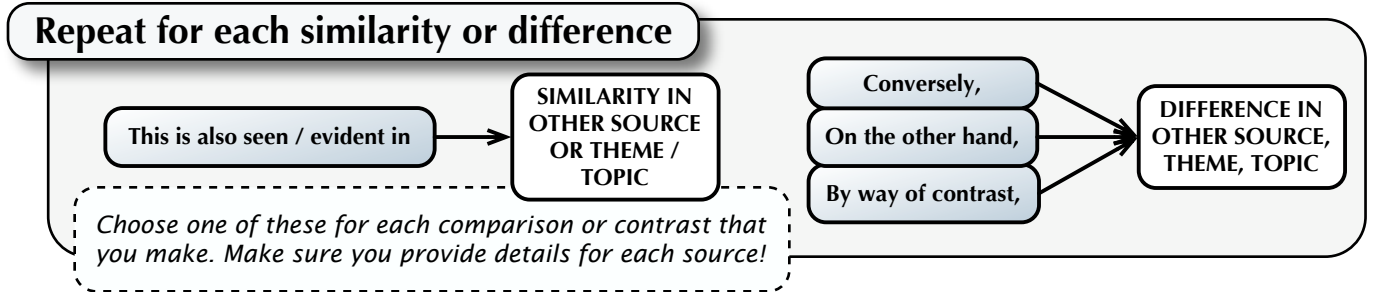
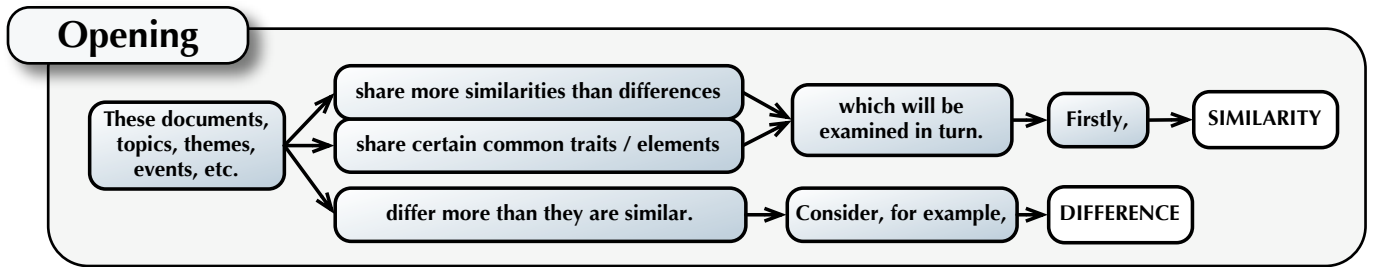
CONTRAST

“Highlight the differences between two sources or concepts.”



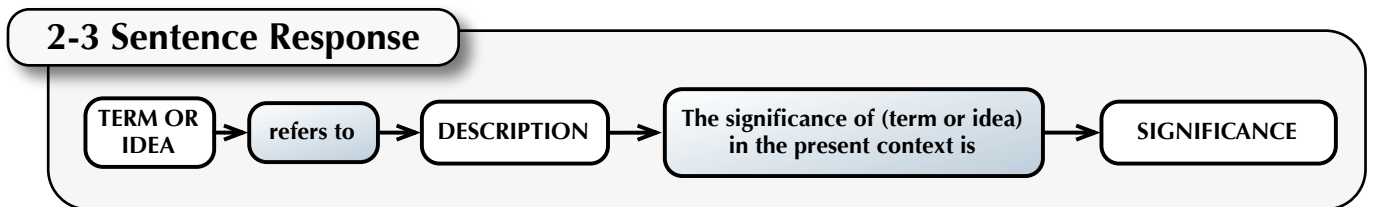
COMPARE & CONTRAST

“Outline both the similarities and differences between two (or more) sources.”



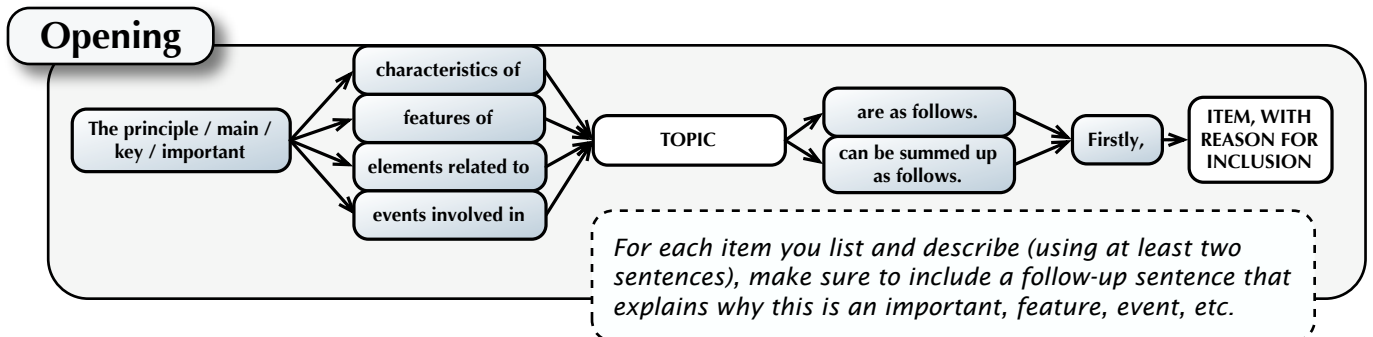
DEFINE (WHAT IS ____ ?)

“Give the precise meaning of a word, phrase, or concept.”



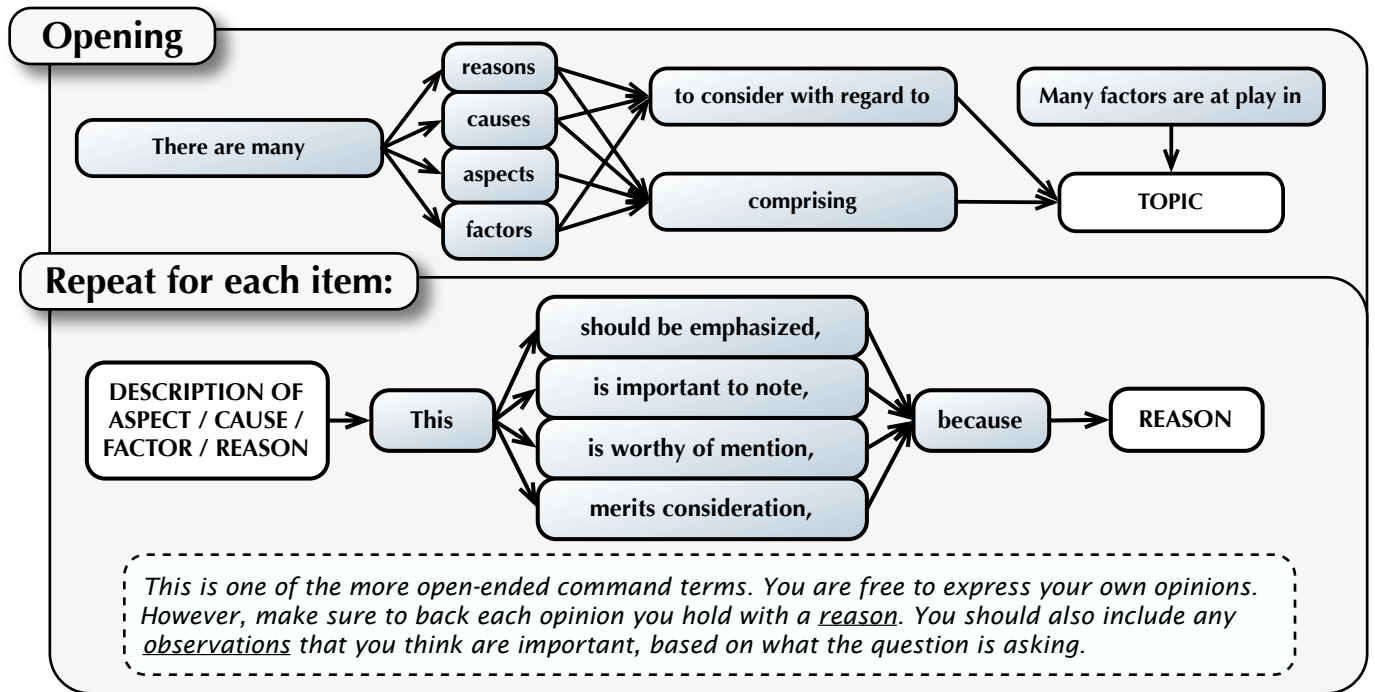
DESCRIBE

“Give a detailed account.”



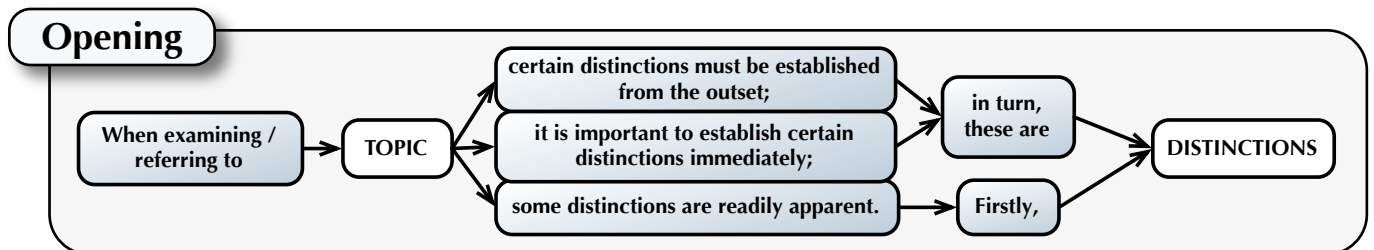
DISCUSS

“Offer a considered and balanced review that includes a range of arguments, factors or hypotheses.”



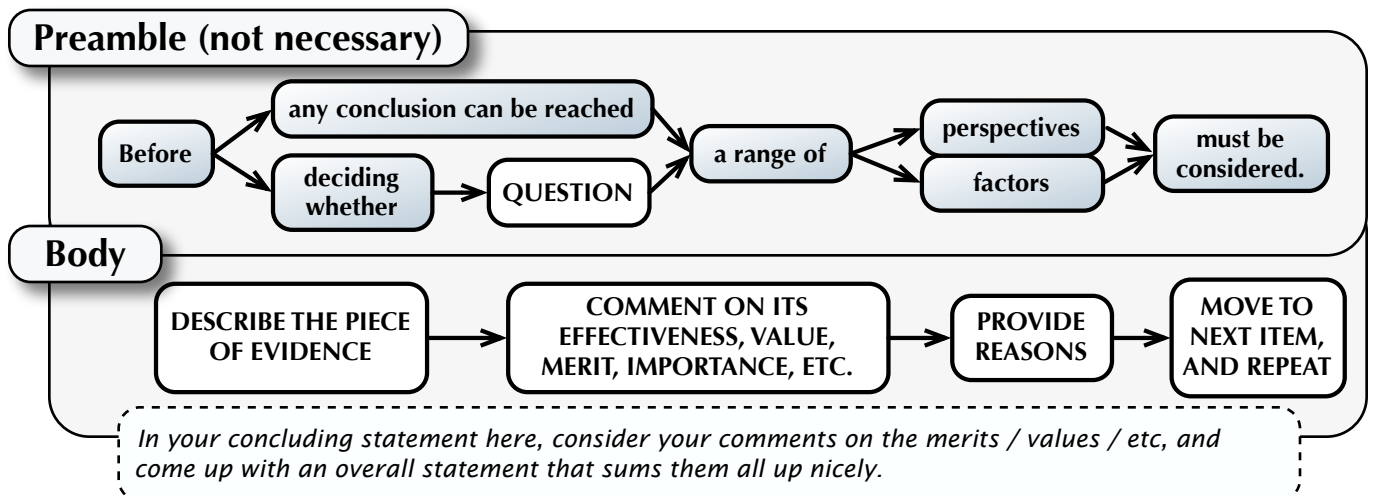
DISTINGUISH

“Make clear the differences between two or more concepts or items.”



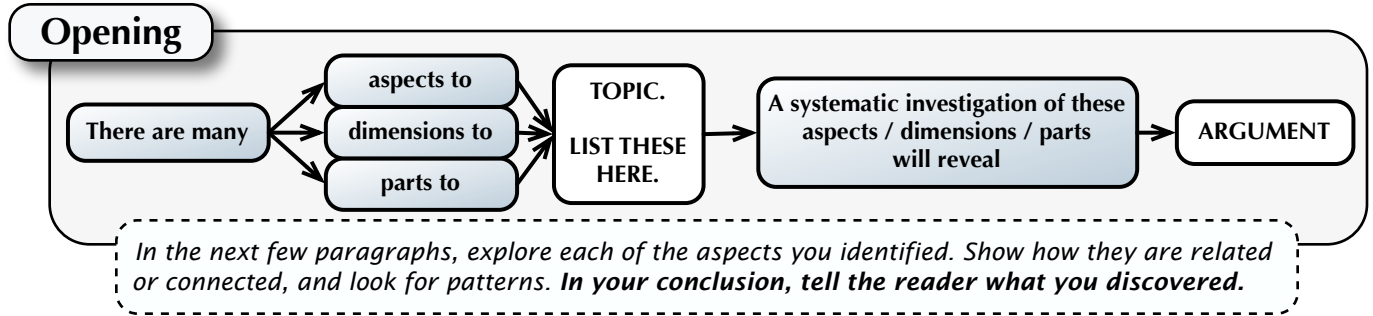
EVALUATE (ASSESS)

“Make an appraisal by weighing up the strengths and limitations.”



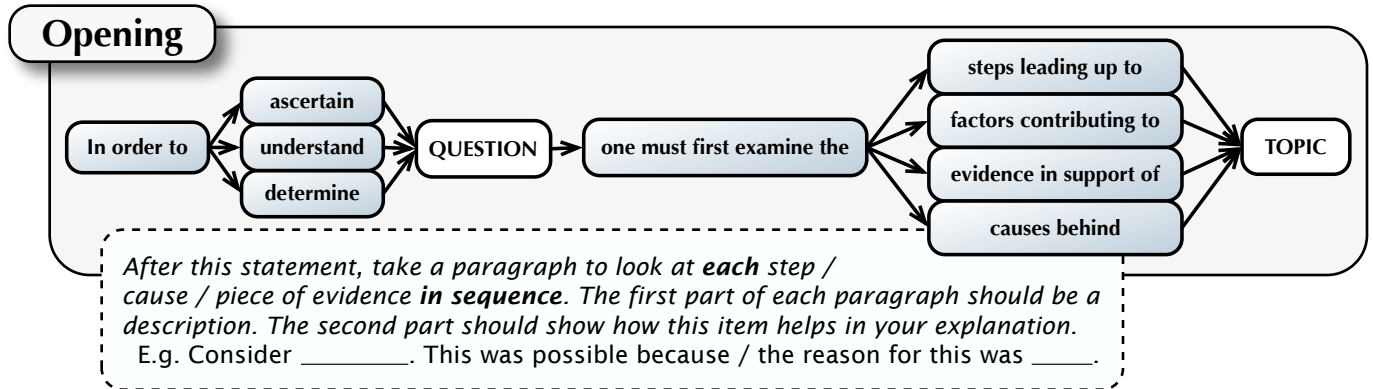
EXAMINE

“Consider an argument or concept in a way that uncovers the assumptions and interrelationships of the issue.”



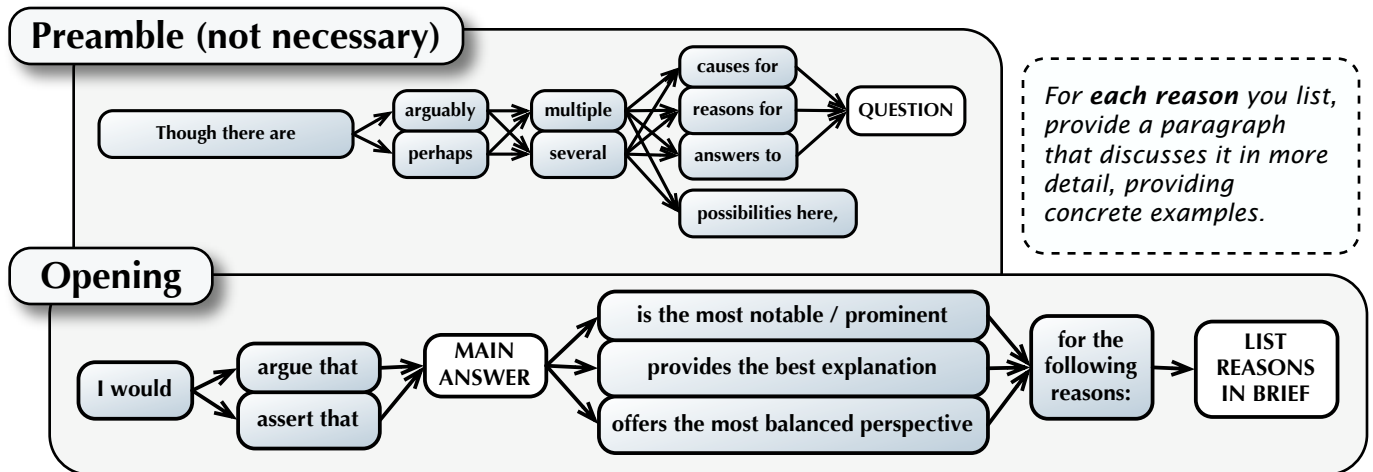
EXPLAIN (WHY ___ ?)

“Give a detailed account including reasons or causes.”



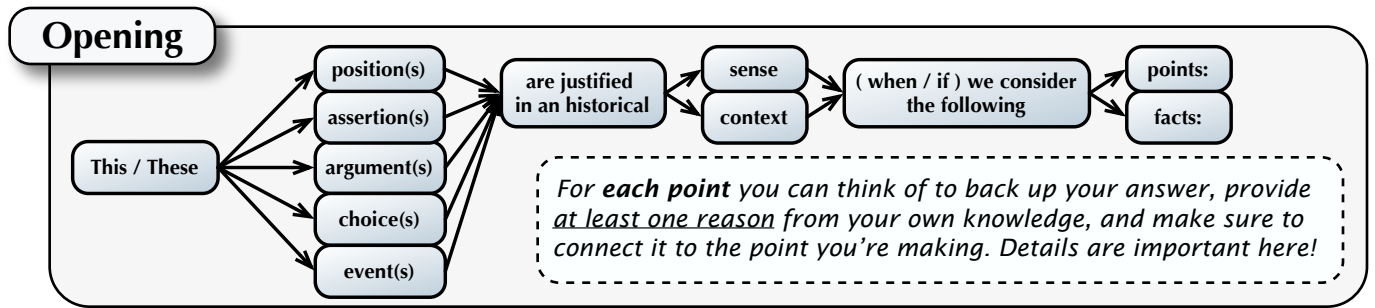
IDENTIFY

“Provide an answer from a number of possibilities.”



JUSTIFY

“Give valid reasons or evidence to support an answer or conclusion.”



TO WHAT EXTENT

“Consider the merits or otherwise of an argument or concept. Opinions and conclusions should be presented clearly and supported with appropriate evidence and sound argument.”

