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Be sure to:

- Introduce your opinion.
- Support your opinion with reasons and details from the passages.
- Give your reasons and details in a clear order.
- Develop your ideas clearly and use your own words, except when quoting directly from the passages.
- Identify the passages by title or number when using details or facts directly from the passages.
- Use linking words, phrases, and clauses to connect reasons.
- Use clear language and vocabulary.
- Have a strong conclusion that supports your opinion.
- Check your work for correct usage, grammar, spelling, capitalization, and punctuation.

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Be sure to:

- Introduce the topic clearly, provide a focus, and organize information in a way that makes sense.
- Use information from the two passages so that your essay includes important details.
- Develop the topic with facts, definitions, details, quotations, or other information and examples related to the topic.
- Identify the passages by title or number when using details or facts directly from the passages.
- Develop your ideas clearly and use your own words, except when quoting directly from the passages.
- Use linking words to connect ideas.
- Use clear language and vocabulary.
- Provide a conclusion that supports the information presented.
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Be sure to:

- Develop a real or imagined experience.
- Establish a situation and introduce a narrator and/or characters.
- Organize events in order.
 - Use transitional words and phrases to sequence the events.
- Use dialogue and/or description to:
 - develop events.
 - show how characters respond to situations.
- Use concrete words, phrases, and sensory details to describe the events.
- Include a conclusion.
- Use ideas and/or details from the passage(s).
- Check your work for correct usage, grammar, spelling, capitalization, and punctuation.