

American Literature

Blizzard Bags

Ms. Kaple

Write a five paragraph essay addressing each prompt. Use the attached graphic organizer and follow five paragraph formula.

BB #1—MY SOCIETY

“Ours is a self-indulgent, self-centered society.” So say some of our critics. Do you agree or disagree? Whichever position you take, be specific in pointing out a variety of instances and experiences that support your point of view.

BB #2—DROPPING OUT

Do you regard dropping out of school as a catastrophe? Or do you believe it is something every student has a right to do? Take a position and support your point of view.

BB #3—THE MOST IMPORTANT LESSON

What’s the most important lesson you have ever learned at school? Was it something from a book, a film, a teacher, or a schoolmate? In an essay, explain the circumstances, what you found out, and how your discovery has influenced you.

WRITING GRAPHIC ORGANIZER

Name: _____ **Date:** _____

Topic: _____

Hook:

Opening Sentences:

THESIS:

Transition Word or Phrase

Reason #1 Topic Sentence: _____

Supporting Details:

1. _____

Explain: _____

2. _____

Explain _____

3. _____

Explain _____

Transition Word or Phrase

Reason #2 Topic Sentence: _____

Supporting Details:

1. _____

Explain _____

2. _____

Explain _____

3. _____

Explain _____

Transition Word or Phrase

Reason #3 Topic Sentence: _____

Supporting Details:

1. _____

Explain _____

2. _____

Explain _____

Explain _____

Reworded Thesis; Summarizes Body Paragraphs 1, 2, & 3, Memorable Statement

Concluding Summary: _____

What vocabulary words will I use to make my argument in a strong but polite way? _____