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**I.** Be the best player on a team that always loses or the worst player on a team that always wins?

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**MODEL**

**PROMPT:** Would you rather be able to run at 100 miles per hour OR fly at 10 miles per hour?

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| **CHOSEN OPTION:** ABILITY TO FLY AT 10 MILES | |
| **REASON #1** | Can see everything from above |
| **REASON #2** | Not rushed/can enjoy every moment |
| **REASON #3** | Not physically taxing on the body |

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| **OTHER OPTION:** ABILITY TO RUNAT 100 MILES | |
| **REASON #1** | Can see more in less time because I am moving so fast |
| **REASON #2** | Keeps you physically fit |

**MODEL**

**TOPIC SENTENCE:** If given the choice of whether or not I could run at 100 miles per hour or fly at 10 miles per hour, I would definitely choose the ability to fly.

**COUNTERARGUMENT:** Although being able to run really fast would keep me in great shape, over time it could really take a toll on my body and make me age faster. Additionally, I feel like I would be missing out on the sights as I bolted across the landscape.

**PRO #1:** On the other hand, being able to fly at such a slow speed would allow me to really savor what I am seeing. (SPECIFIC EXAMPLE) I could take the time to really appreciate the details of the many wonders of the world such as the Great Wall of China.

**PRO #2:** Also, being able to look down at the world would give me a perspective that I am unable to see from the ground. (SPECIFIC EXAMPLE) For example, I could see what the entire Grand Canyon looks like from the sky because on land one can only see parts of it at a time.

**CONCLUSION:** Both options are appealing; however, because I want to relish in the experiences I have in life, being able to fly at a slow speed is the best choice for me.

**Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Hour: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**PRE WRITING (GRADED)**

1. Choose a prompt and decide on an option. You must list THREE reasons why you chose the option you did.

2. Under your chosen option, circle the two BEST/STRONGEST reasons.

3. Now you need to pretend you chose the other option. List at least one reason why you might have chosen the other option. Keep in mind, you will have to explain why this is not a good reason. You need to shoot down your opposition.

**PROMPT:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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| **CHOSEN OPTION: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | |
| **REASON #1** |  |
| **REASON #2** |  |
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**DRAFTING**

1. **TOPIC SENTENCE** - Begin with a topic sentence. It should include the options available and the option you chose.

**EX.** If I had the choice between \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , I would choose \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .

2. **COUNTERARGUMENT SENTENCE(S)**– You wrote down a reason for the option YOU DID NOT CHOOSE. Discuss this option and include a rebuttal (or a reason why they are wrong).

**EX.** Although some might think that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is a better choice because

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, I feel

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3. **PRO ARGUMENT #1 SENTENCES** – Discuss one of the BEST/STRONGEST reasons for the option YOU CHOSE. Make sure to explain thoroughly and provide a specific example.

**Ex.** On the other hand, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is a strong choice because

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

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4. **PRO ARGUMENT #2 SENTENCES**– Discuss another one of the BEST/STRONGEST reasons for the option YOU CHOSE. Make sure to explain thoroughly and provide a specific example.

**Ex.** Additionally, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ works best for me because

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5. **CONCLUSION SENTENCE** – Finish by reiterating the choice you made in a unique way.

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