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## Square One- Brainstorm

## Square Two- Introduction

Great Beginning: briefly share you topic.

Main ideas from each paragraph mentioned briefly.

### **Great Beginnings:**

Ask a Question...

Have you ever wondered what  
makes a volcano erupt?

State an Opinion...

Jump roping is fun.

Start with an Action...

The ball flew past me, barely  
missing my head.

State a Fact...

A piranha can snap a man's finger  
off with its razor-sharp teeth.

Use a Single Word or Noise...

Beetles! Beetles! Beetles!

We couldn't get rid of them!

Or Bam! The thunder roared.

### Square Three -Body 1

Transition Sentence, main idea of paragraph  
and details to back that up

Transition sentence:

Main Idea:

Details:

### Square Four - Body 2

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and details to back that up

Transition sentence:

Main Idea:

Details:

### Square Five -Body 3

Transition Sentence, main idea of paragraph  
and details to back that up

Transition sentence:

Main Idea:

Details:

#### Transitions

- Then
- Also
- Next
- Another
- Other
- Furthermore
- Moreover
- In addition
- Besides
- First, second
  
- Finally, last
- Just as...
- Similarly
- So
- Then
- Therefore
- Accordingly
- Consequently
  
- As a result
- For one thing
- For example
- For instance
- In particular
- After all
- By the way
- In general
- Naturally
- In brief
  
- I suppose
- In other words
- In fact
- Definitely
- On the whole
- Without a doubt
- Yet
- Otherwise
- However
- Nevertheless
- Even so

**TRANSITIONS TO ...**

**...COMPARE ITEMS**

accordingly  
also  
as comparable to  
in the same way  
in the same manner  
in conjunction with this  
just as  
like  
likewise  
similarly  
sometimes

**...EMPHASIZE A POINT**

again	another key point
first thing to remember	truly
for this reason	frequently
important to realize	indeed
in fact	key point
most compelling evidence	surprising
most important information	surprisingly enough
must be remembered	with this in mind
on the negative side	on the positive side
point often overlooked	significant that
to emphasize	to point out
to repeat	

**...CONTRAST ITEMS**

although	as opposed to
but	conversely
counter to	even so
even though	however
in spite of this	in the
meantime	
nevertheless	on the contrary
on the other hand	otherwise
sometimes	still
yet	counter to
even so	even though

**... CLARIFY**

for example	for instance
in other words	put another way
seems clear from this	
simply stated	stated differently
that is	to clarify
to illustrate the point	

**...SHOW TIME**

about	after	afterward
as soon as	at	at the same
time before	during	finally
first	immediately	
later	in the meantime	
last	meanwhile	
next	next week	next time
next year	prior to	second
next	soon	then
third	till	today
tomorrow	until	when
yesterday		

**... CONCLUDE OR SUMMARIZE**

accordingly	all in all
as a result	consequently
due to	finally
in closing	in conclusion
in short	in summary
lastly	thus
in the last analysis	
logical conclusion is	to conclude
therefore	

**Descriptive words**

Have students add to the list and make examples of these writing strategies:

**Alliteration:**

using the same starting sounds of words

**The big, bad boy was breathing hard.**

**Simile:**

a comparison of two things using the words "like" or "as"

**The coin was as bright as the sun.**

**The sun was like a yellow ball of fire in the sky.**

**Metaphor:**

a comparison of two things without using the words "like" or "as"

**The man was a rock.**

**Personification:**

giving human qualities to something that isn't human.

**The sun smiled at me.**

**Square Six - Conclusion**

Review of what you shared and  
a thought provoking ending.

Review of the main ideas from  
squares three, four, and five.

Review:

Thought provoking ending:

**Effective Endings**

Restate the problem

"Getting up late can really mess up your day."

Ask a Question

"What do you think?"

State your opinion

"Life is too short to waste on things that  
don't matter."

Hint about the future

"I knew someday my teacher would find out."

Bring it to a close

## Descriptive Words

active  
bad  
big  
bold  
boring  
brave  
bright  
calm  
cautious  
clean  
clever  
cold  
colorful  
complete  
complex  
cruel  
dark  
deep  
distinct  
eager  
evil  
far  
fair  
fast  
false  
fierce  
fine  
fit  
flat  
foolish  
full

good  
hard  
high  
hot  
hollow  
harmonious  
interesting  
kind  
lazy  
light  
long  
loud  
low  
near  
neat  
negative  
new  
normal  
odd  
old  
passive  
plain  
poor  
positive  
powerful  
precise  
primitive  
proud  
pure  
quick  
quiet  
real  
rich  
rotten  
rough

real  
rich  
rotten  
rough  
sad  
sharp  
short  
sick  
silent  
simple  
skillful  
slow  
small  
smooth  
solid  
soft  
stable  
strong  
sweet  
symmetrical  
tangible  
true  
valuable  
weak  
wild  
young  
whooping  
tinkling  
shouting  
grimy  
hairy  
prickly  
shiny