

## Critical Concepts 7.2A Non-Fiction Writing Lesson Plans

### Turning Graphic Organizers into Writing Responses

After students complete their organizers, model how to turn it into a short paragraph.

- **Central Idea**
- **Supporting Detail for Introduction**
- **Supporting Detail for Development**
- **Supporting Detail for Refinement**

#### **Example Response 1 – National Hispanic Heritage Month 2012, Presidential Proclamation**

The proclamation emphasizes the importance of honoring the contributions of Hispanic Americans. This idea is first shown when the President states that generations of Hispanic Americans have shaped the prosperity of the United States. The central idea continues to grow when he explains, Hispanic Americans have played key roles in business, government, science, and the arts. Finally, the proclamation refines the central idea by stressing, the month is a time for all Americans to reflect and celebrate shared history and values.

#### **Example Response 2 – What is an Executive Order? by Jeffrey C. Fox**

The text explains the role and authority of executive orders in U.S. government. This central idea is introduced when the author states, that executive orders are directives issued by the President that manage operations of the federal government. The idea is developed further when the article explains, that they can shape major policies, such as civil rights enforcement or national security measures. The central idea is refined when the author concludes, that executive orders must still align with the Constitution and can be checked by other branches of government.

#### **Example Response 3 – Jackie Robinson and Dr. Martin Luther King: They Changed America by Padre Steve**

The article shows how Jackie Robinson and Dr. King advanced equality in America. This idea is introduced by noting, that Robinson broke the color barrier in Major League Baseball. The idea is developed when the author describes, how King's leadership in the Civil Rights Movement built upon Robinson's trailblazing role. The idea is refined when the article concludes, that both men's efforts connected sports, politics, and social justice to create lasting change.

#### **Example Response 4 – Analysis of Hunger Games (Author Unknown)**

The analysis highlights how survival and government control are central ideas in The Hunger Games. This is introduced by explaining, that Katniss must survive the arena while navigating

**the Capitol's manipulations.** The idea is developed when the text explains, **how the Games themselves represent the Capitol's power to intimidate districts.** The central idea is refined when the analysis shows, **that Katniss's defiance plants the seeds of rebellion, proving that survival also includes resisting oppression.**