

# **Prompt-Think-Thesis Writing Module**

## **Teacher Masters**

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# **TM#1: Demonstrate— Prompt-Think-Thesis Poster**

**Prompt: Underline what you will do.**

**Think: Circle the key words that  
you think are important.**

**Thesis: Write your thesis for your  
essay.**

# TM#2: Demonstrate—Prompt-Think-Thesis Organizer

Essay prompt:

Read the information in the box below.

Some students make time capsules to show people who will live in the future a little about how we live today. A few items that represent our culture are selected and placed in a closed container. This container is buried, to be dug up by individuals in the future.

The items in a time capsule are carefully chosen to represent our society.

Write an essay explaining what items you would choose to enclose in a time capsule and why.

**1) Prompt: Underline what you will do.**

**2) Think: Circle the key words that you think are important. Think about the key words together.**

Key words	What do they mean?	What are my thoughts?
1) society	community, people in general	Our communities are very dependent on technology. People in general are struggling to reach their goals.
2) items	things	Things that have to do with society might be electronic devices or computers.
3) time capsule	a container with documents or objects typical of the current period, for discovery in the future	I would want the time capsule to show us in a positive way.

**3) Thesis: Write your thesis for your essay.**

The items I would choose to enclose in a time capsule are iPhones and other electronic devices, because our society is very dependent on technology.

**Does my thesis state my opinion on the underlined topic? (yes / no)**

**Does my thesis tie together the key words? (yes / no)**

## TM#3: Practice—Alternate Essay Prompt Answer Key

*(Answers will vary.)*

**Alternate Essay Prompt:**

Read the information in the box below.

Albert Einstein once said that a person who never made a mistake had never tried anything new.

Many people see mistakes as signs of failure, but others see mistakes as an essential part of growing, learning, or making progress.

Write an essay explaining whether mistakes are an essential part of life.

**1) Prompt: Underline what you will do.**

**2) Think: Circle the key words that you think are important. Think about the key words together.**

Key words	What do they mean?	What are my thoughts?
1) <i>learning</i>	<i>getting knowledge and skills</i>	<i>People can learn from their mistakes.</i>
2) <i>mistakes</i>	<i>something wrong, wrong action</i>	<i>Mistakes mean something wrong, but mistakes can help people learn.</i>
3) <i>life</i>	<i>lifetime, living</i>	<i>For a better life, people should keep learning and growing.</i>

**3) Thesis: Write your thesis for your essay.**

*Making mistakes is an essential part of life, because you can learn by doing better than before.*

**Does my thesis state my opinion on the underlined topic? (yes / no)**

**Does my thesis tie together the key words? (yes / no)**

Scoring:				
	Points earned (circle one):			
Steps	0	1	2	3
Prompt			0	3
Think			0	3
Thesis			0	3
Total points (out of 12):				

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## TM#4: Independent Practice Answer Key

### Part 1: Review the Strategy

**Explain each of the three steps in Prompt-Think-Thesis:**

Prompt: *Underline what you will do.*

Think: *Circle the key words that you think are important. Think about the key words together.*

Thesis: *Write your thesis for your essay.*

### Part 2: Apply the Strategy

**Directions: Read the essay prompt and complete the Prompt-Think-Thesis steps on the next page.**

## TM#4: Independent Practice Answer Key (cont.)

Essay prompt:

Read the information in the box below.

Apple Computers founder Steve Jobs once said that he thought people, as individuals, were basically good, but that he had slightly more negative thoughts about the way people are when they are in groups.

People sometimes behave differently when they are alone, compared to how they act when they are with a group.

Write an essay explaining whether being with a group changes people's behavior.

**1) Prompt: Underline what you will do.**

**2) Think: Circle the key words that you think are important. Think about the key words together.**

Key words	What do they mean?	What are my thoughts?
1) <i>group</i>	<i>team, a number of people</i>	<i>When a number of people gather together, they might influence each other.</i>
2) <i>change</i>	<i>make or become different</i>	<i>Being with other people would make a big change in many ways.</i>
3) <i>behavior</i>	<i>act, the way in which one acts</i>	<i>Because of other people in the group, people may act differently.</i>

**3) Thesis: Write your thesis for your essay.**

*Being in a group would change people's behavior, because group members are influenced by each other.*

**Does my thesis state my opinion on the underlined topic? (yes / no)**

**Does my thesis tie together the key words? (yes / no)**