

R-BIT

Writing Module

Teacher Masters

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TM#1: Engage Prior Knowledge— Silent Warm-Up

Directions: Write as much as you can, even if you're not sure your answer is correct.

1. What is an essay prompt?

2. What is a thesis?

TM#2: Engage Prior Knowledge— Silent Warm-Up Answer Key

Directions: Write as much as you can, even if you're not sure your answer is correct.

1. What is an essay prompt?

a question or instruction that tells you what you are going to write

2. What is a thesis?

the writer's opinion about the topic and the main idea of the essay

TM#3: Demonstrate and Practice—R-BIT Poster

R = Your Reasons — why you think your thesis is true

BIT = BITs of proof — details and examples that support the reasons

B — **B**est friends or other people

I — **I** (myself), personal experience

T — **T**extbooks, facts, or experts

TM#4: Demonstrate and Practice—R-BIT Organizer

THESIS: 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.

Our society is very dependent on technology because people use technology to remember important things.

I would never remember to study for tests unless a reminder popped up on my phone to tell me to do it.

Most people now use electronic calendars to track appointments.

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.

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TM#5: Practice—R-BIT Organizer

THESIS: *Electronic devices make things more complicated because they can cause miscommunication.*

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Essay prompt:
Read the information in the box below.

In today's world, people communicate with each other nearly constantly through cell phones and the Internet. Still, conflicts and misunderstandings continue to develop.

Although electronic devices improve our lives in many ways, they can also make communication more complicated. Think carefully about this statement.

Write an essay explaining whether electronic devices make communication more complicated.

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TM#6: Practice—R-BIT Organizer Answer Key

There are many possible correct answers for this organizer. These are examples. Ensure that students' reasons and BITs of proof support the given thesis.

THESIS: *Electronic devices make things more complicated for people because they can cause miscommunication.*

When we text or post online quickly, we are sometimes not as careful with our words as we would be in person.

My sister got angry at me for something small but posted it on Facebook for everyone to see.

It's sometimes hard for people to understand sarcasm, even if they use smiley faces.

Essay prompt:
Read the information in the box below.

In today's world, people communicate with each other nearly constantly through cell phones and the Internet. Still, conflicts and misunderstandings continue to develop.

Although electronic devices improve our lives in many ways, they can also make communication more complicated. Think carefully about this statement.

Write an essay explaining whether electronic devices make communication more complicated.

Sometimes people send messages to the wrong person.

I once hit "Reply All" to a message that I intended for only one person to read.

In history, this is the same as a message being intercepted by the enemy.

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Date: _____

TM#7: Independent Practice Answer Key

Part 1: Review the Strategy

List the words that each letter in R-BIT stands for:

R *Your Reasons — why you think
your thesis is true*

B *Best friends or other people*

I *I (myself), personal experience*

T *Textbooks, facts, or experts*

Part 2: Apply the Strategy

Directions: Read the following essay prompt and complete the R-BIT organizer for the given thesis.

There are many possible correct answers for this organizer. These are examples. Ensure that students' reasons and BITs of proof support the given thesis.

THESIS: It is important to forgive people because it can make things better for us.

When we forgive someone, we're less angry, and being less angry improves our lives.

I saw in the news that experts say being less angry can even make us live longer.

When I forgave my friend, I felt so much better afterwards.

Essay prompt:
Read the information in the box below.

Martin Luther King, Jr., said that forgiveness was not something we did occasionally. Rather, he said, forgiveness was a way of life that we developed through our daily actions.

Martin Luther King, Jr., said that forgiving people who have hurt us should be part of our way of looking at the world. He said it was something we had to practice regularly, until it became a habit.

Write an essay explaining whether it is important to forgive people in our daily lives.

We would get along better with more people, which makes our lives better.

People are happiest when they get along with many people.

Everyone wants to impress people and make others like them.