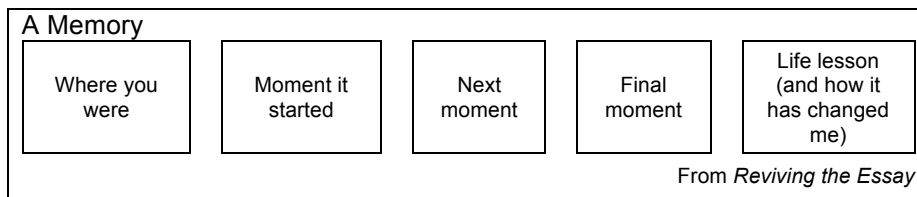


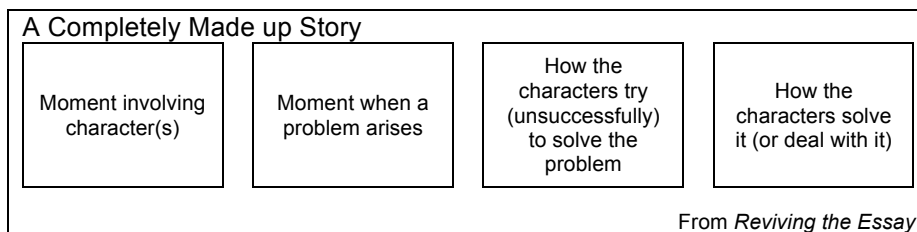
# Some STAAR Genre Structures

## Personal narrative



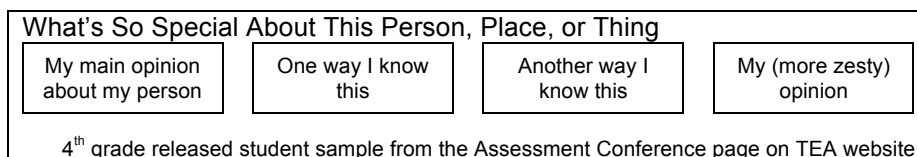
- Write a kernel essay (one sentence per box in the structure) in past tense.
- Detail with thoughtshots, snapshots, dialogue, up to 26 lines.

## Short story



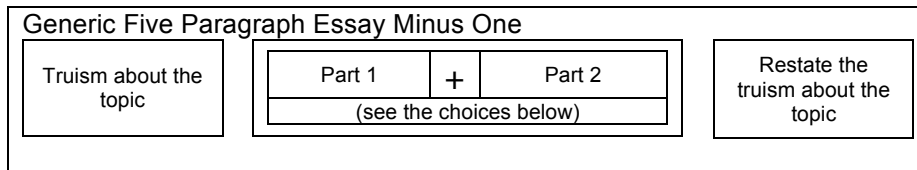
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- Detail with thoughtshots, snapshots, dialogue, up to 26 lines.

## Expository essay (person, place or thing)



- Substitute another adjective for “special,” in the structure above.
- Write a kernel essay (one sentence per box in the structure) in present tense.
- For the opening sentence, use a three-in-one infoshot.
- Detail with compound predicates, items in a series, participial phrases, ba-da-bing sentences, and a rhetorical device or two (like anaphora, anadiplosis, scesis onomaton, enumeratio), up to 26 lines.

## Expository essay (idea)

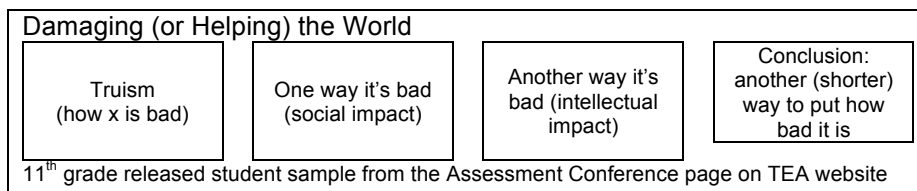


Part 1 and 2:

One feature/another feature OR before/after OR cause/effect OR  
 pick 2 impacts: physical/environmental/financial/social/emotional or  
 pick 2 illustrations: from a book/movie/history

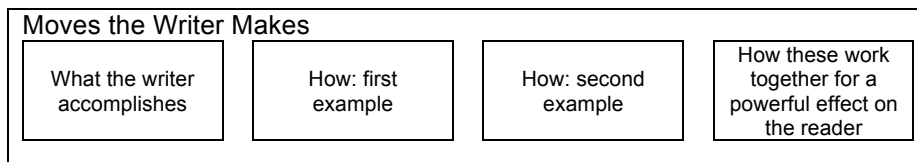
- Write a kernel essay (one sentence per box in the structure) in present tense.
- For the opening sentence, try a three-in-one infoshot.
- Detail with compound predicates, items in a series, participial phrases, ba-da-bing sentences, and a rhetorical device or two (like anaphora, anadiplosis, scesis onomaton, enumeratio), up to 26 lines.

## Persuasive essay



- Write a kernel essay (one sentence per box in the structure) in present tense, and some future tense.
- Detail with snapshots, infoshots, compound predicates, items in a series, participial phrases, ba-da-bing sentences, and a rhetorical device or two (like anaphora, anadiplosis, scesis onomaton, enumeratio), up to 26 lines.

## Literary analysis



- Write a kernel essay (one sentence per box in the structure) in present tense.
- Detail with quotations from the text, paraphrasings, and explanations of “this means,” and “this shows...” up to 26 lines.