MTEPAC: A paragraph writing template Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
**MTEPAC stands for:**

**Main Idea**

**Topic Sentence**

**Evidence**

**Paraphrase**

**Analysis**

**Conclusion**

**M.**

1. What is the Main Idea? The Main Idea is the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the essay.

What is our overall topic?

Example: Scientists have been studying animal intelligence since the 1960’s, and most are coming to the conclusion that animals are smarter than most previously thought.

**T.**

1. Identify the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Example: The article “Can Animals Think” by Eugene Linden makes three interesting arguments on how animals are using creative intelligence on a much more complex level than scientists first thought.

**E.**

1. Cite specific details from the text. These should be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Example: The first creative example is Fu Manchu’s amazing escape. The article states that the orangutan used a piece of metal to **“slide a wire into the gap, slip a latch, and pop the door open” (27).** Fu was also hiding the lock pick **“between his lip and gum”** in between escapes.

**P.**

1. Use **your own thinking** to explain the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Example: This is cool because Fu was able to create and then fulfill a plan to escape his cage. According to the article, he had the creativity to bend a piece of metal and then use it open the door.

**A.**

5. To analyze means to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ why something is important and to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that your evidence is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Example: While it is never stated directly in the article, it could be inferred that Fu had seen the metal keys that the zookeepers used to open cages and came to the conclusion that something similar, like the metal piece that he probably found on the zoo grounds, looked like keys. Fu probably also saw the keepers tug on the door. He also tried this and was able to escape.

* Notice that in the analysis, even though the writer is expressing analysis of the author, **NO “I, ME or YOU” IS USED. No Personal pronouns in any part of the essay.**

**C.**

6. Rephrase your \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to your next point.

Fu used his ability to creatively think to solve a complex problem, and there is even more evidence to suggest animals can think intelligently.

Another example of animal creativity occurred when…

If we were putting this whole paragraph together it would look like this on a Word, Google Document or hand written document. We have to format all our essays that we type the exact same way. It is called MLA formatting. If the essay is not formatted this way, it is handed back to the student to fix before grading.

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Teacher’s Name (Mrs. Kraske)

Subject Name (English 8th hour – choose your correct hour)

04 September 2017 (Notice that the date is expressed differently)

Title of Your Essay (Animal Intelligence)

Scientists have been studying animal intelligence since the 1960’s and most are coming to the conclusion that animals are smarter than most previously thought. The article “Can Animals Think” by Eugene Linden makes three interesting arguments on how animals are using creative intelligence on a much more complex level than scientists first thought. The first creative example is Fu Manchu’s amazing escape. The article states that the orangutan used a piece of metal to “slide a wire into the gap, slip a latch, and pop the door open” (27). Fu was also hiding the lock pick “between his lip and gum” in between escapes. While it is never stated directly in the article, it could be inferred that Fu had seen the metal keys that the zookeepers used to open cages and came to the conclusion that something similar, like the metal piece that he probably found on the zoo grounds, looked like keys. Fu probably also saw the keepers tug on the door. He also tried this and was able to escape. Fu used his ability to creatively think to solve a complex problem, and there is even more evidence to suggest animals can think intelligently.

Another example of animal creativity occurred when…

Now you try. I am going to give you sentence starters for paragraph two. When we start our second and third paragraphs, we do not have to come up with a new Main Idea. Just TEPAC.

T: Another example of animal creativity occurred when Orky the Killer whale noticed that his baby was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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E: According to the article, Orky was watching the danger that his baby was in and “Allowed one of the men \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

This was remarkable since \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_like Seaworld’s Shamu” (28).

P. The author seems to be saying that Orky could see something that was happening and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

A. This shows that Orky was using true animal intelligence because \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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C. Orky the killer whale knew that his son was in danger, judged to himself what to do, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

On the next page, I am going to have you write the final paragraph. I will give you fewer prompts for the final paragraph.

T. A third situation that the author writes about that helps prove animals are thinking intelligently is when \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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E. Meladi, one of the Zoo’s orangutans wanted another orange, so she \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Acorrding to the article she, “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_” (29).

The next day, Tawan pretended \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Tawan “continued to hold her gaze \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ his foot.”

P. The evidence seems to be suggesting that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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A. The way that Meladi and Tawan are manipulating the zoo keeper is definitely showing higher intelligence because \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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C. Scientists, zookeepers, and even pet owners see the signs of animal intelligence. Animals like Fu Manchu, Orky, and Meladi and Tawan are teaching people that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.