**CENTRAL IDEA ESSAY TEMPLATE GUIDELINES- ELA**

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| **INTRODUCTORY PARAGRAPH TOPIC: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**  The **authors** of *(write title of text #1 here)*\_, \_*(write name of title #2 here)*\_, and \_*(write title #3*  *here)*\_ all **use** \_*(write a literary element/writing strategy here­)\_*, a **writing strategy/literary element,** to  develop the **central idea** of \_*(write the central idea that is common to all 3 texts here)\_.* The author **uses**  \_*(write the literary element/writing strategy here­)\_* to develop this central idea **in many ways**. |

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| **BODY PARAGRAPH # ­ 1 TOPIC: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**  The **author** of *(write title of text #1 here)*\_, **uses** \_*(write a literary element/writing strategy here­)\_*  to develop the **central idea** of \_*(write the central idea that is common to all 3 texts here)\_.*  The author **states**, “*(write a quote from the text that uses the literary element to develop the central idea)*”  This **shows/means** that *\_(write what this quote means or shows the reader in your own words).\_*  The **author *also* states**, \_”*(write another quote from the text)”\_*  This **shows/means** that *\_(write what this quote means or shows the reader in your own words).\_*    ***Finally***, the **author** **states**, \_”*(write a final quote from the text)”\_*  This **shows/means** that *\_(write what this quote means or shows the reader in your own words).\_*    ***In short***, *\_(summarize the paragraph here in your own words. This is the concluding sentence and is optional).\_* |

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| **BODY PARAGRAPH # ­ 2 TOPIC: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**  The **author** of *(write title of text #2 here)*\_, **uses** \_*(write a literary element/writing strategy here­)\_*  to develop the **central idea** of \_*(write the central idea that is common to all 3 texts here)\_.*  The author **states**, "*(write a quote from the text that uses the literary element to develop the central idea)*”  This **shows/means** that *\_(write what this quote means or shows the reader in your own words).\_*  The **author *also* states**, \_”*(write another quote from the text)”\_*  This **shows/means** that *\_(write what this quote means or shows the reader in your own words).\_*    ***Finally***, the **author** **states**, \_”*(write a final quote from the text)”\_*  This **shows/means** that *\_(write what this quote means or shows the reader in your own words).\_*    ***In short***, *\_(summarize the paragraph here in your own words. This is the concluding sentence and is optional).\_* |

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| **BODY PARAGRAPH # ­ 3 TOPIC: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**  The **author** of *(write title of text #3 here)*\_, **uses** \_*(write a literary element/writing strategy here­)\_*  to develop the **central idea** of \_*(write the central idea that is common to all 3 texts here)\_.*  The author **states**, “*(write a quote from the text that uses the literary element to develop the central idea)*”  This **shows/means** that *\_(write what this quote means or shows the reader in your own words).\_*  The **author *also* states**, \_”*(write another quote from the text)”\_*  This **shows/means** that *\_(write what this quote means or shows the reader in your own words).\_*    ***Finally***, the **author** **states**, \_”*(write a final quote from the text)”\_*  This **shows/means** that *\_(write what this quote means or shows the reader in your own words).\_*    ***In short***, *\_(summarize the paragraph here in your own words. This is the concluding sentence and is optional).\_* |

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| **CONCLUSION PARAGRAPH TOPIC: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**  In conclusion, each texts **uses** \_*(write the writing strategy/literary element)\_* and the **central idea** of  *\_(write the central idea here)\_* to make an important point that \_*(summarize the important message that the*  *authors wanted to communicate to the world and readers by writing these texts. What was the importance or*  *purpose of them writing these texts, in general? Please write final comments, suggestions, opinions, and/or*  *predictions about the future here).\_* |