

# F.A.T. P.



1.Format

2.Audience

3.Topic

4.Purpose

# 1. Format (how)

Identifying the format helps you decide how to organize your paper.

*Example formats:*

- ▶ **Narrative (telling a story)**
- ▶ **Essay (expressing your beliefs)**
- ▶ **Research Paper**
- ▶ **Instructions (steps and procedures)**
- ▶ **Poem**
- ▶ **Play**
- ▶ **Speech**
- ▶ **Letter**

## 2. Audience (who)

Your audience consists of the people who will read your writing.

*(Usually Ms. B will be your audience.)*

After you figure out who your audience will be, you can decide if your writing should be...

FORMAL or INFORMAL



# 3. Topic (what)

Your topic is what you are going to write about. (You can usually sum this up in 1–4 words.)

Once you figure out your topic, you can brainstorm supporting details.

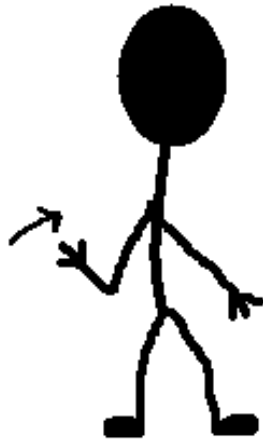
It is important to make sure your supporting details are relevant to your topic!

# 4. Author's Purpose (why)

The purpose is the reason why you write something.



Inform



Persuade



Entertain

# Inform

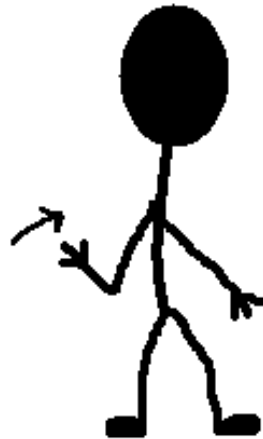
- ▶ When you inform your audience, you want to teach or explain something to them.



- ▶ Examples: Research papers, steps in a procedure, etc.

# Persuade

- ▶ When you write a persuasive paper, you want to convince your audience to do something, buy something, or agree with you about something.



- ▶ Examples: Advertisements, student council speeches, persuasive essays.

# Entertain

- When you write something to entertain your audience, you want them to enjoy reading it and to be interested in your writing.



- Examples: Narratives, fictional stories, poems, plays, etc.



# Prompt #1

Many people believe that television violence has a negative effect on society because it promotes violence. Do you agree or disagree?

Write a persuasive essay defending your position.

Use specific reasons and examples to support your response.



# Prompt #2

Have you ever traveled to a place that you found very meaningful and rewarding?

Write a letter to a friend convincing him or her to visit this important place.

# Prompt #3

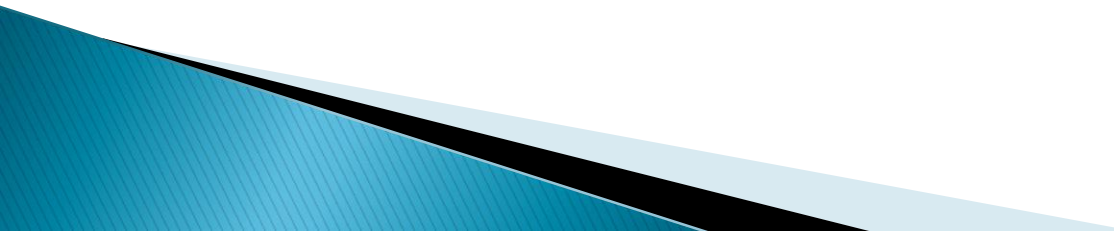
Inventions have the power to change how people live their lives each day. Write an essay about an invention of your choice, explaining its impact on society.

# Prompt #4

Imagine many people in your class are struggling with their grades, but you have received an A on every paper. Your teacher asks you to write an anonymous essay about how to be a good student, so she can give it to the struggling students for help.

# Prompt #5

The way a person handles disappointment reveals a great deal about what is important to him or her. Tell about a time in your life when you confronted disappointment and how you handled it.



# Prompt #6

Some of our most memorable moments are when we achieve an important goal. Tell about a time when you accomplished a goal you had been working toward.

