**How to Analyze a Writing Prompt for Standardized Testing, Gr 7-12**

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| **TYPE OF SENTENCE** | **INCLUDES INFORMATION ON ANY OF THE FOLLOWING** |
| **Background Sentence(s)**  *You do not write about this. This sentence provides you with information.* | Titles  Authors  Big Idea  Main Idea  Topic  Summary Sentence(s)  Claim  Counterclaim – Grades 7-12  Focus Sentence- information to think about or identify before writing  Hint |
| **Direction Sentence(s)** | This sentence tells you what you need to write about. To create a topic sentence for your introduction, restate the direction sentence(s).    Direction sentence also gives the format for writing (essay, editorial, etc.)  *If the prompt does not indicate the format, write an essay.* |
| **Reminder Sentence** | This is a reminder to use text evidence and may also include how many sources you need to reference.  **Example:** ***“*Be sure to use evidence from the three texts to support your ideas.”** |
| **QUESTIONS:**  **1.What text type does the prompt require you to write?** (Informative; Explanatory; Argument; Narrative)  **2.How many tasks are in the prompt?** | |