

TEST TAKING STRATEGIES



8TH GRADE WRITING SOL SCHEDULE

Friday, March 9
GOLD DAY

 Alpacas
Essay

 Falcons
Multiple Choice

Monday, March 12
BLUE DAY

 Falcons
Essay

 Turtles
Multiple Choice

Tuesday, March 13
GOLD DAY

 Turtles
Essay

 Alpacas
Multiple Choice

WHAT SHOULD I DO BEFORE MY TEST?

- Get a good night's sleep
- Eat a healthy breakfast/lunch
- Come to school on time

THE MULTIPLE CHOICE TEST

What are some strategies you know that help you with multiple choice questions?

THE MULTIPLE CHOICE TEST:

- “Slash the Trash”
- Rephrase the question
- Read each answer choice carefully
- Skip and return
- Go back over each answer

THE ESSAY TEST

What are some strategies you know that help you with essay questions?

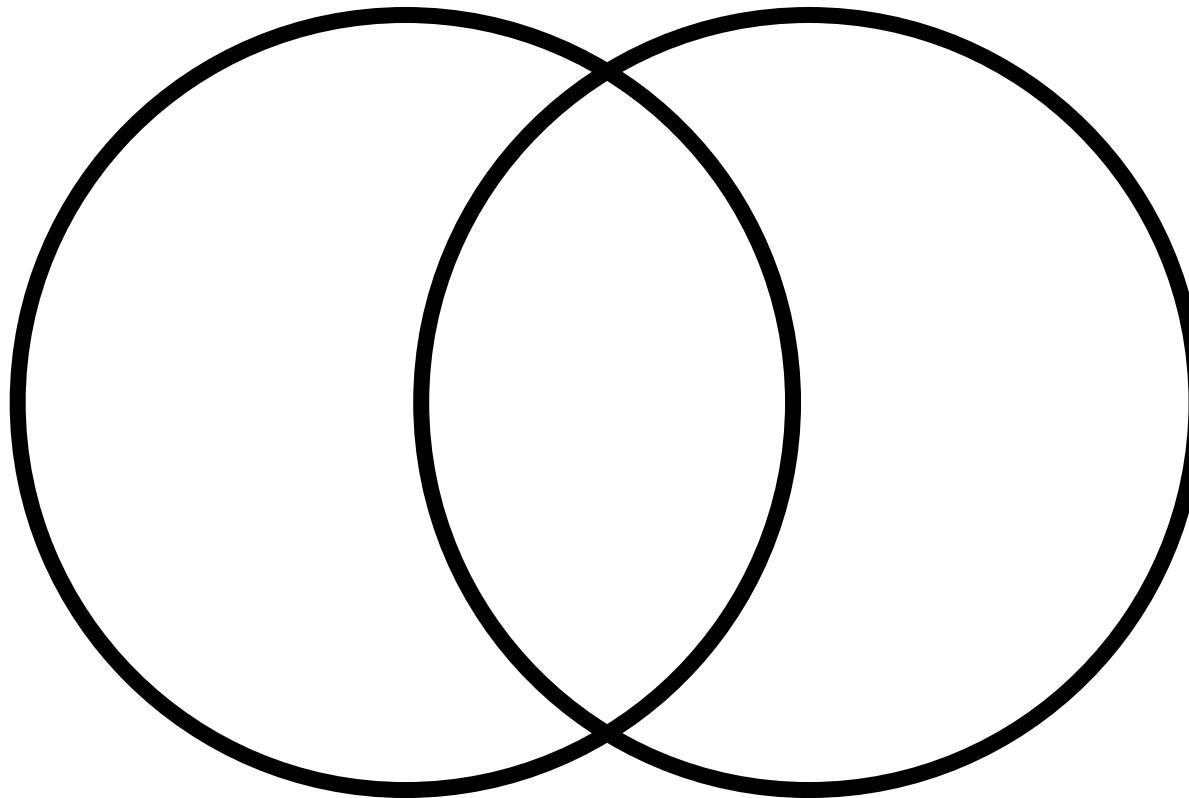
THE ESSAY TEST:

- Read the prompt more than once
- Create a graphic organizer- PLAN! PLAN! PLAN!
- Reread and edit your writing

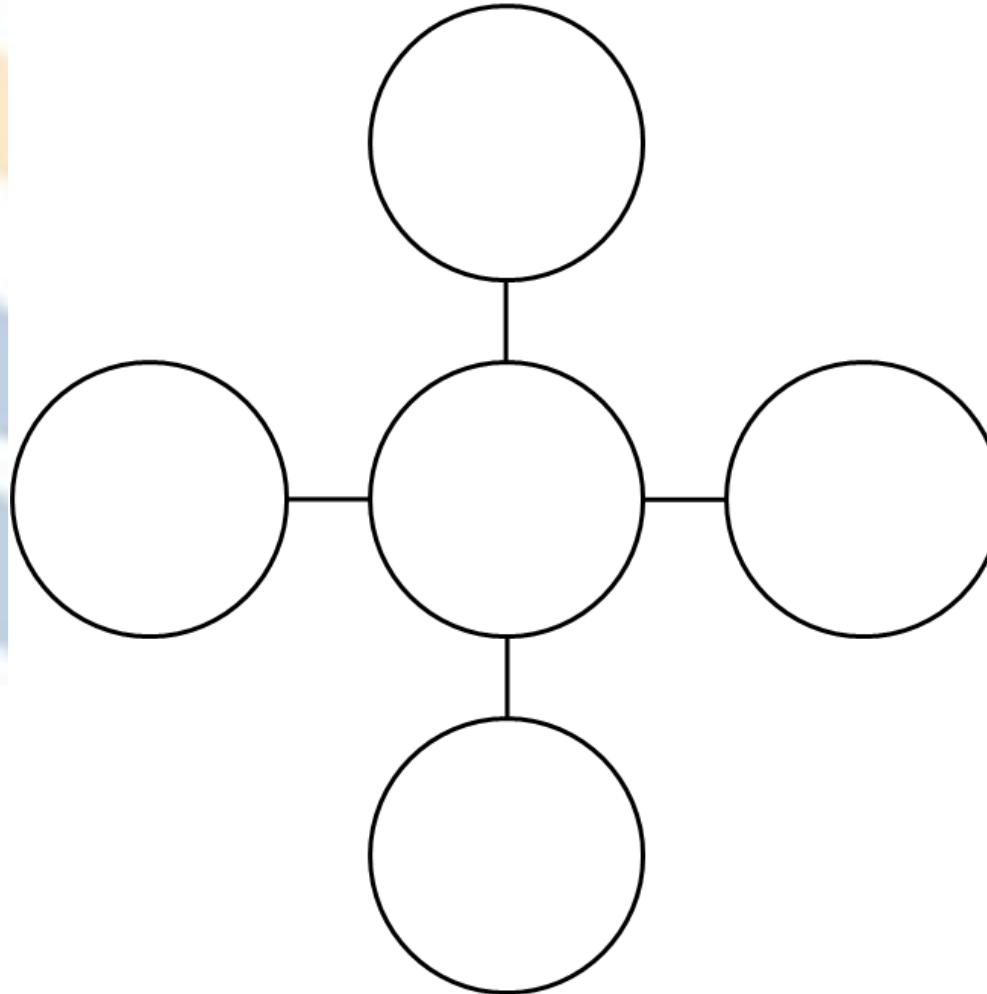
GRAPHIC ORGANIZERS



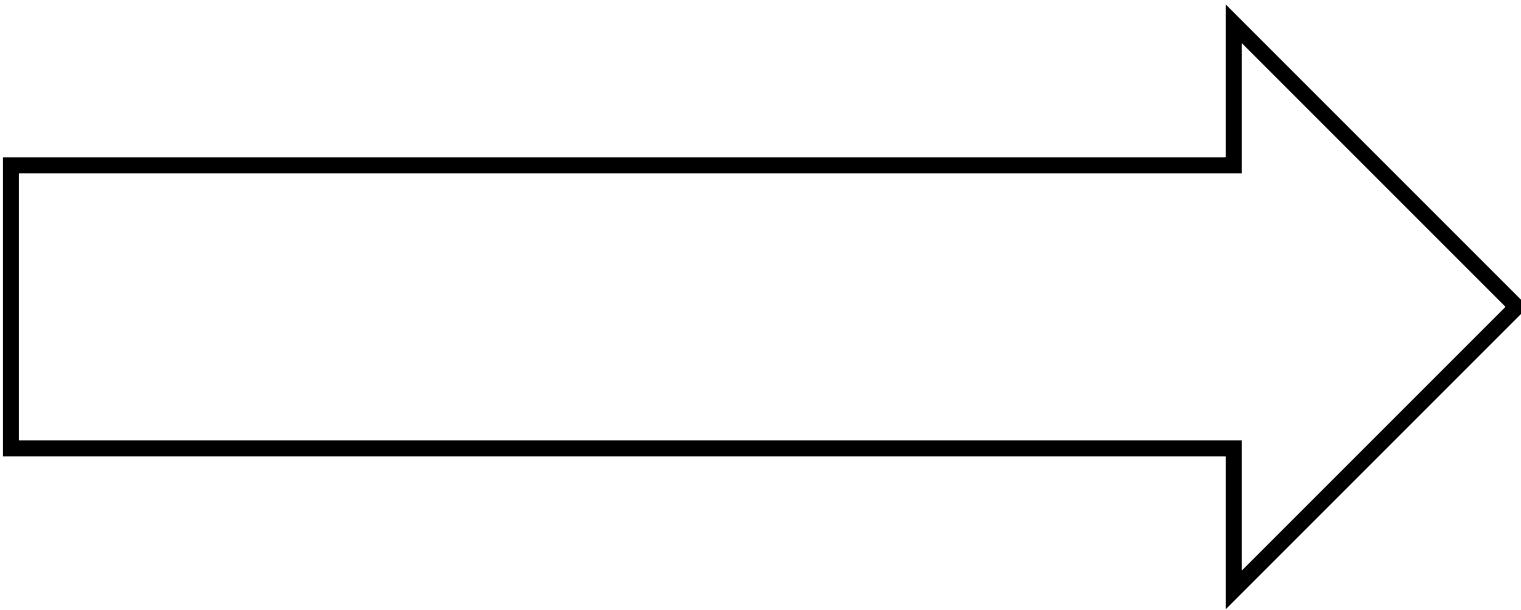
COMPARE AND CONTRAST



concept MAP



sequence



PRACTICE

- You have been asked to share a lesson with elementary school students. Using specific details and examples, explain the lesson and why it would be important.
- Is it better to take risks and perhaps make some mistakes or remain cautious and risk nothing? Explain using specific details and examples in your response.
- What improvement would make your community better? Use specific details and examples to convince the mayor of your community to accept 12 your idea for improving where you live.

PRACTICE

- Identify a challenge facing students, and use specific details and examples to explain ways to overcome that challenge.

- Some people enjoy public speaking while others are frightened by it. Using specific details and examples, explain how you feel about public speaking.

- People sometimes say that failure can eventually lead to success. Do you agree or disagree with this statement? Use specific examples to convince others to support your position.

MY SOL WORRIES:

