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5th grade Literacy

**TN Ready Writing: Test-Taking Strategies**

***Tip #1:*** *Read the writing prompt!*

* Make sure that you completely understand what you are being asked to do.
* Re-read the writing prompt multiple times.

***Tip #2:*** *Annotate the text(s)*

* Use your scratch paper to jot down important notes from the text.
  + Key facts
  + 1-2 sentence summaries

***Tip #3:*** *Create a Graphic Organizer*

* Create a graphic organizer to organize your thoughts
* This should look similar to the graphic organizers we have used in class
* If you are asked to compare and contrast, you might want to use a Venn Diagram,etc.

***Tip #4:*** *Re-read the writing prompt*

* Again, make sure you know exactly what you are being asked to write about before beginning your first draft.

***Tip #5:*** *Write a strong first draft*

* Pace yourself as you are writing your first draft. Make sure you are writing quickly and effectively.
* Quality is better than quantity!
  + Make sure you are writing high-quality sentences and paragraphs that answer the writing prompt.
  + More doesn’t always mean better!

***Tip #6:*** *Revise and Edit*

* When you have finished your first draft, re-read the writing prompt.
* Go back and revise your draft, making any changes necessary.
* After you have revised, look for any grammatical errors!

***Tip #7:*** *Keep calm and continue writing!*

* If you have finished revising and editing, re-read the articles and your draft again.
* Make 2nd and 3rd revisions/edits if time permits.
* At no point should you put your head down or distract your classmates.
* Remember, EVERYONE should continue working until told to stop.