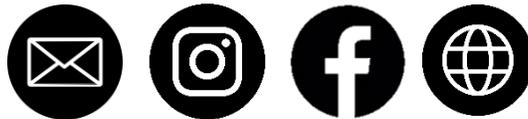




WRITING

sample resources

IN BETWEEN THE LATTES, LLC



- Year-long Revising and Editing Warm-ups
- Multiple Choice Testing Strategy
- SCR Articles of the Week
- SCR Examples and Practice
- ECR Examples and Practice
- ECR Prompt Bank
- Writing Stems and Graphic Organizers
- Paired Passage Texts and ECR Prompts
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- STAAR Boot Camp
- HB1416 Weekly Student Notebook
- STAAR Academic Vocabulary

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“HANDLE HARD BETTER”

by Kara Lawson

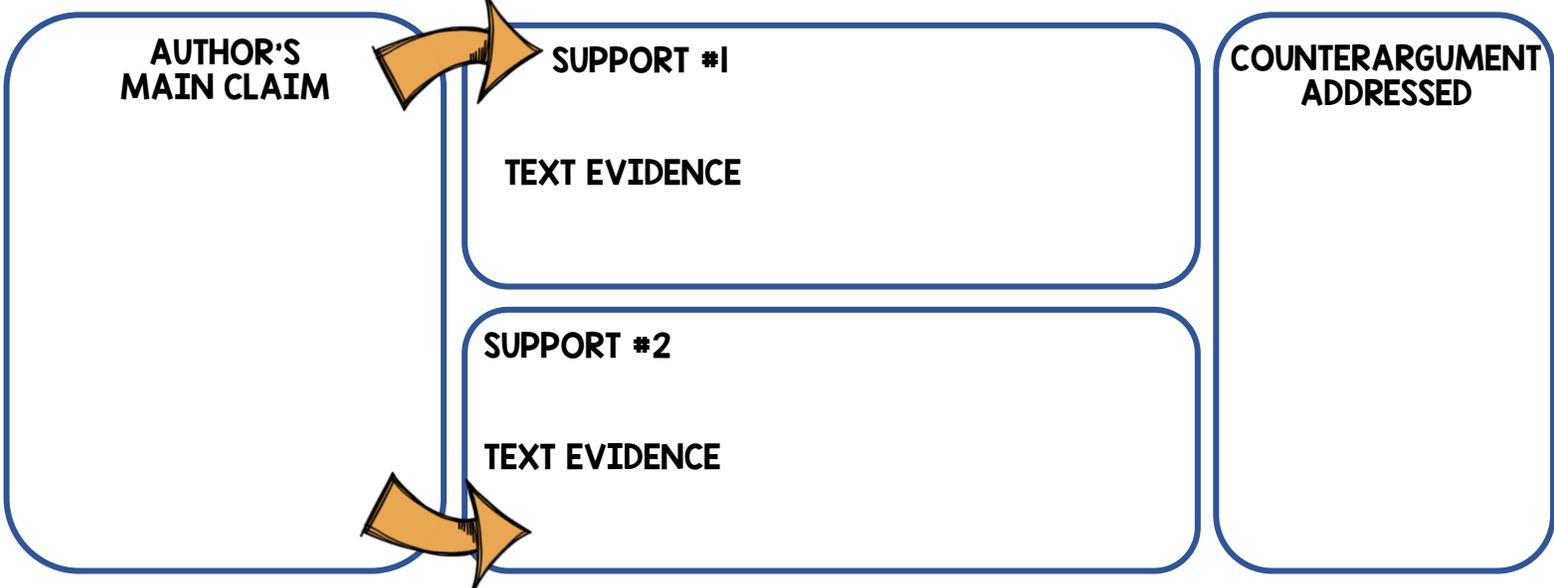


I was talking with Shay a couple of days ago, and one of the things we talked about was how we all wait in life for things to get easier. I think in your own life if you've waited for something to get easier, "Oh, I just got to get through this, and then it'll be easy. I just got to get through preseason, and then it'll be okay. I've just got to get through my junior year of high school, and then the classes are going to get easier. But I've just got to get to my spring and my senior year of college, it's going to be easier." It's what we do; we wait for stuff to get easier. It will never get easier. What happens is you handle hard better. That's what happens. Most people think that it's going to get easier. Life is going to get easier. Basketball is going to get easier. School's going to get easier. It never gets easier. What happens is you become someone that handles hard stuff better.

So that's a mental shift that has to occur in each of your brains. It has to because if you go around waiting for stuff to get easier in life, it's never going to happen. And then what happens? "Oh, it's so hard. Oh, I can't do it. Oh, this, I don't know when it when is it going to be easy for me? Oh, it's easy for other people. It's not. It's hard." And the second we see you handling stuff, handling hard better, what are we gonna do? We're gonna make it harder. We're gonna make it harder because we're preparing for you for when you leave here, not just basketball, in life. And if you think life when you leave college is going to be all of a sudden get easy because you graduated and you got a degree, it's not going to get easier. It's going to get harder.

So make yourself a person that handles hard well, not someone that's waiting for the easy. Because if you have a meaningful pursuit in life, it will never be easy. You're trying to win a championship. If you're trying to have a family, ask your parents, do you think it was ever easy for them to raise kids? Karen, is it easy? It's not. Any meaningful pursuit in life, if you want to be successful at it, goes to the people that handle hard well. Those are the people that get the stuff they want. People that wait around for easy, you probably see them at the bus stop. They're waiting for easy. The easy bus to come around. Easy bus never comes around. Gotta handle hard.

Okay, so don't get discouraged through this time if it's hard. Don't get discouraged; it's supposed to be. And don't wait for it to be, "Oh, I just gotta get through the summer, and then it'll all of a sudden get easy in the fall." No, it won't. It won't get easy in the fall. So make yourself someone that handles hard well, and then whatever comes at you, you're gonna be great. You're gonna be great, okay?



“HANDLE HARD BETTER”

Preparing for STAAR is hard. Failing STAAR is hard. Choose your hard.

EXTENDED CONSTRUCTED RESPONSE PROMPT



Read the selection “Handle Hard Better.” Based on the information in the selection, write a response to the following:

Explain your opinion about why people should or should not give up when things get hard.

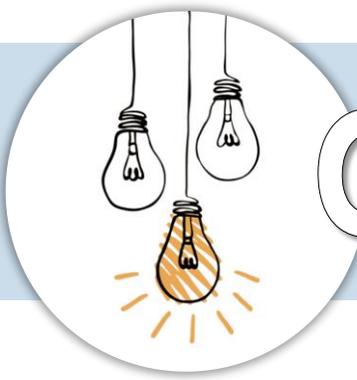
Write a well-organized argumentative essay that uses specific evidence from the selection to support your answer.

BRAINSTORM

TEXT EVIDENCE	ANSWER (WHAT DOES THIS SHOW?)

ANSWER

Write a one-sentence answer to this prompt. (You’re not writing the entire essay.)



CLAIM+SUPPORT

TITLE

What would be a good title for this video?

MAIN CLAIM

What is the author's main claim of this video?

SUPPORTING DETAILS

What is a detail from the video that supports this claim?

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AUTHOR'S PURPOSE

The author most likely created this video to _____

- To show
- To illustrate
- To highlight
- To provide
- To emphasize
- To explain
- To suggest
- To tell
- To inform
- To indicate
- To reveal
- To compare
- To produce
- To use
- To cause
- To lead
- To make
- To describe
- To allow
- To test
- To give
- To remind
- To argue
- To convince
- To identify
- To examine
- To relate
- To convey
- To help
- To express
- To offer
- To add
- To give
- To develop
- To persuade
- To present
- To demonstrate
- To create
- To share