FAP

Focusing on the Writing Task
What is FAP?

- FAP stands for Form, Audience, and Purpose.
- FAP is an acronym that helps you identify what you are being asked to do.
  - FAP can be used to organize the information that you will see in the prompts.
  - FAP is found in the writing task of the prompts.
F is for FORM

What are you writing?
You will find the FORM in the Writing Task
There are many forms students could be asked to write:

- Letters
- Articles
- Editorial
- Email
- Speech
Examples

- Write a **letter** to your teacher recommending a field trip.
- Write an **article** for your school newspaper about a memorable field trip.
- Write an **editorial** for your school newspaper about the importance of field trips.
- Write a **speech** for the Board of Education about the benefits of field trips.
- Write an **email** to a friend about a memorable field trip.
A is for AUDIENCE

To WHOM are you writing?
You will find the AUDIENCE in the writing task.

Examples include:
- Parents
- Friends
- Principal
- Teacher
- Site-based council
- Author
- Students
- Neighbors
- Board of education
P is for PURPOSE

WHY are you writing?
You will find the PURPOSE in the writing task.

You will write for one of three purposes.
- Informational
- Opinion
- Narrative
Examples

- Write an article for the school newspaper informing readers about an upcoming event.
- Write a speech for your classmates persuading them to accept your idea for a class trip.
- Write a letter to a new student about the importance of school rules. Support your idea by writing about a time when knowing the rules was really important.
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SITUATION: Summer is almost over, school has started and students are going to have less free time to be active. Your school newspaper is going to publish articles about the importance of physical activity to your health and wants your ideas about how to stay active now that you are back in school.

WRITING TASK: Write an article for your school paper persuading students to stay active and giving your ideas about how to include physical activity now that you are back in school.
Let’s FAP the second prompt!

**SITUATION:** The book fair is coming soon. Your librarian wants you to pick one of your favorite books and write an article for the school newspaper to convince readers to purchase and read this book.

**WRITING TASK:** Write an article to persuade readers to purchase and read your favorite book. Be convincing!
CONTEXT- Use first sentence as a lead sentence or “grabber,” then state your purpose clearly in the second sentence. Ease your reader into the piece.

ASSERTION- Main point, state clearly and concisely—be confident!

THESIS- Two reasons/points why your assertion is true/correct. You will go more in depth with each thesis idea in the body of the piece.