Example One: Single PEEL

Directions:
1. Underline the CLAIM/POINT in red.
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3. Underline the EXPLANATION in green
4. Underline the LINK in orange

The best NBA player is Lebron James. Statistics from NBA.com state that Lebron averages 28 points per game, 9 rebounds and 7 assists. This shows truly how great of a player he is. There are players out there who average higher points per game but they aren’t a triple threat like Lebron. Their rebound and assist numbers are lower. His stats show he is a team player. Lebron James is by far the best player in the NBA.

Example Two: Double PEEL

Directions:
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The driving age should be changed to 18. According to the California DMV the crash rate for 16 year old drivers is 3.7% higher than drivers of all ages. This shows that 16 year olds are more likely to be involved in a car accident. If the US raised the driving age to 18 a lot of accidents could be eliminated. The CDC says, “In 2015, 2,333 teens in the United States ages 16–17 were killed and 221,313 were treated in emergency departments for injuries suffered in motor vehicle crashes in 2014.” This proves there are a lot of young people who are dying and getting seriously injured in car accidents. Two years is not that long for young people to wait to get their license at 18. Increasing the driving age would help keep everyone on the road safer.

EXAMPLE THREE: Find the Evidence

Find the evidence in the sample passage that supports the claim. Underline it in blue.

Claim: Pizza is a healthy alternative to fast food.

Pizza is the best food ever invented. The gooey cheese, the sauce and the endless topping choices make it the best. Some may argue that it is not the healthiest but it is way healthier than McDonalds. McDonalds serves up burgers covered in grease and fries that have way too much sodium. Pizza however is made with tomato sauce. Tomatoes are vegetables. The variety of toppings also allow for you to make healthy choices such as onions and green peppers. Between the tomato sauce and toppings it all adds up to at least a serving of vegetables. Pizza also encourages sharing and socializing. Know one can eat an entire pizza by themselves so why not sit down, and eat a pie with a group of friends or family. Not only does it taste great but have you been in an authentic pizza parlor where pizza is freshly baked? The aroma overwhelms your sense.
The Case of the Missing Meatballs

It was a dark and stormy afternoon at our school. Eighth grade students were returning from lunch. Mr. G sat on his stool with a fresh stain of spaghetti sauce on his shirt.

“Mmmmm, what a delicious lunch I just had!” Mr. G exclaimed. “I’m completely stuffed. How was school lunch today?”

His students looked at him like he was crazy.

Suddenly, Ms. K knocked at the door. She whispered to Ms. S, “Has anyone seen Ms. C’s lunch? She had spaghetti and meatballs, but it seems to have gone missing.”

Ms. S thought for a moment, going back in her memory to think if she had seen anything. She turned to Mr. G and asked, “Mr. G, did you see anything? I think you were in Ms. C’s room just before lunch started.”

Mr. G widened his eyes a little and quickly said, “no.” He stood up quickly, knocking his lunch box off of the table. When it hit the floor, a sandwich and an apple rolled out. Mr. G scanned the room, then asked the students, “Does anyone know anything about Ms. C’s missing lunch?”

Who stole the meatballs?

Directions: Write a claim(point) to answer the question “Who stole the meatballs?” Provide evidence. Write an explanation.

CLAIM/POINT: (Answer the question)

EVIDENCE: (Facts, observations, and data, at least three pieces, specific and relevant)

EXPLANATION: (Explain why the evidence supports your claim)
Columbus PEEL EXAMPLE
EXIT SLIP

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Christopher Columbus is a hero. Document eight states, “Columbus brought America to the attention of the civilized world. The result, ultimately was the United States of America.” This shows Christopher Columbus is a hero because without him we wouldn’t be here today. He was responsible for bringing knowledge of this new land back to Europe. If he had not been brave enough to go on this voyage the United States wouldn’t exist. Document one shows just how kind Columbus was to the Natives. It states, “I was very attentive to them.” This proves he cared about the Natives. If he didn’t care about them why would he have been attentive to them? Lastly, Document seven states, “Columbus was the greatest because he accomplished the most against the highest odds...Columbus set off directly across a broad unknown sea with no specific knowledge...” This shows he was courageous and brave. His great accomplishments should be honored with a holiday. Christopher Columbus is a true hero, his braveness and determination makes him one of the greatest explorers ever.

TURN IN THE BLUE BIN AT THE BACK OF THE ROOM ON YOUR WAY OUT