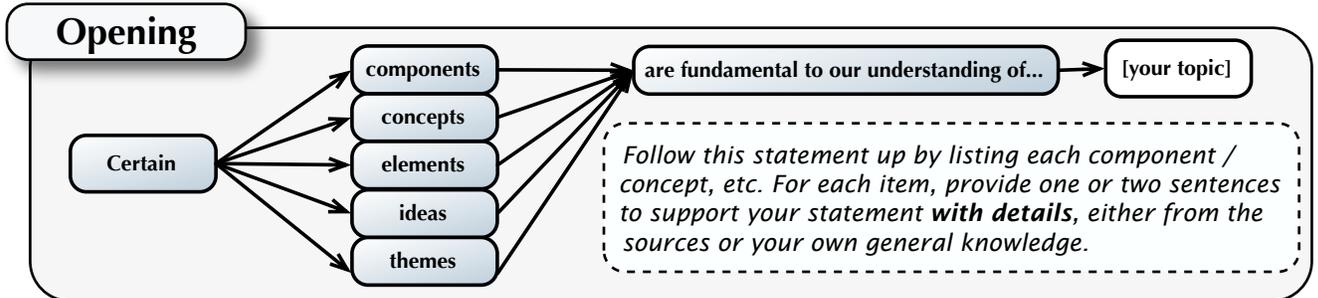


# I.B. Command Terms Primer

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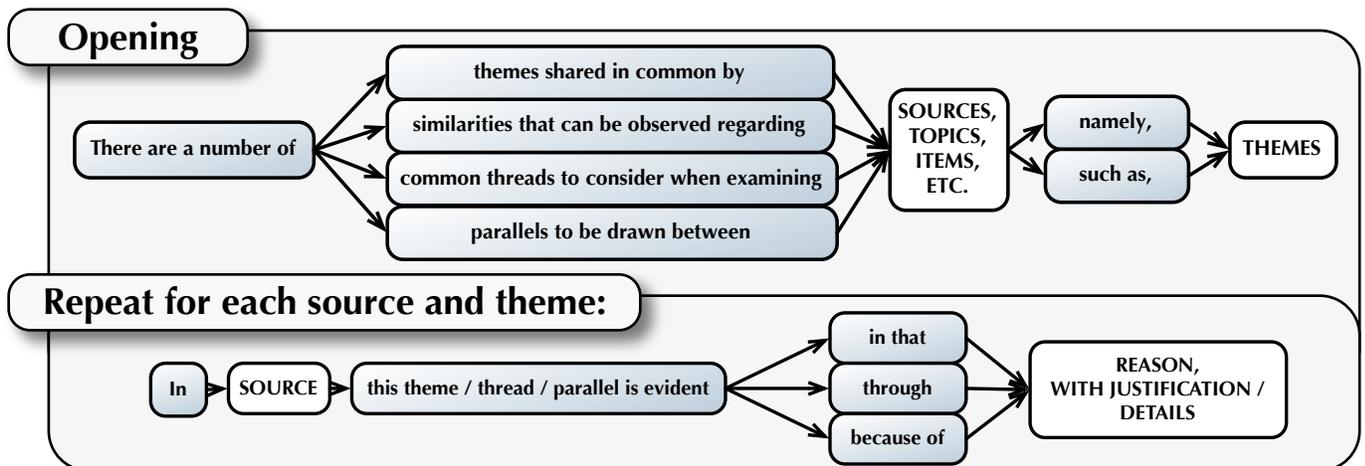
## ANALYZE

*“Break down in order to bring out the essential elements or structure.”*



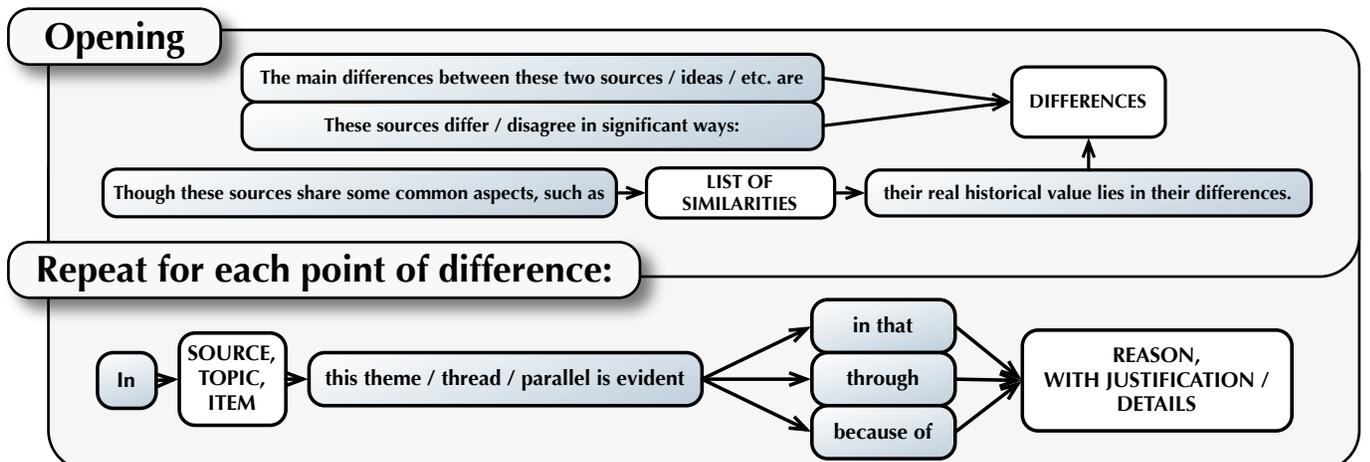
## COMPARE

*“Highlight the similarities between two sources or concepts.”*



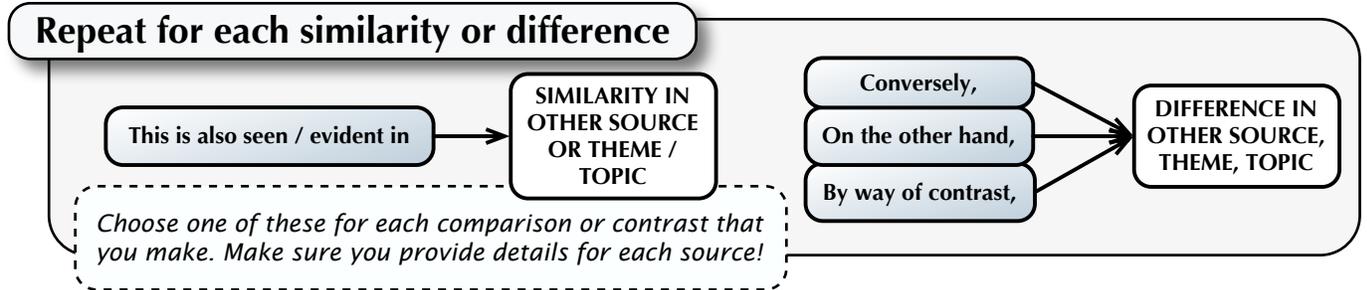
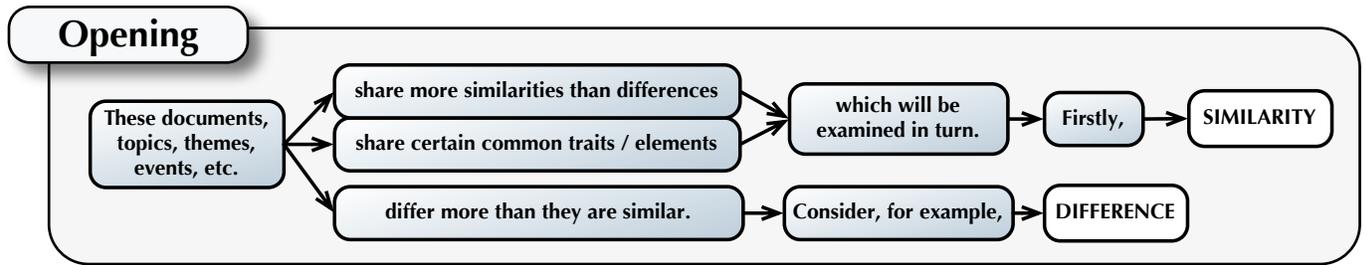
## CONTRAST

*“Highlight the differences between two sources or concepts.”*



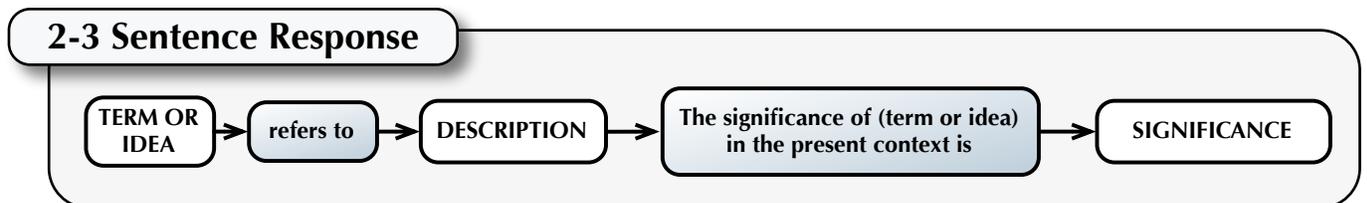
# COMPARE & CONTRAST

*“Outline both the similarities and differences between two (or more) sources.”*



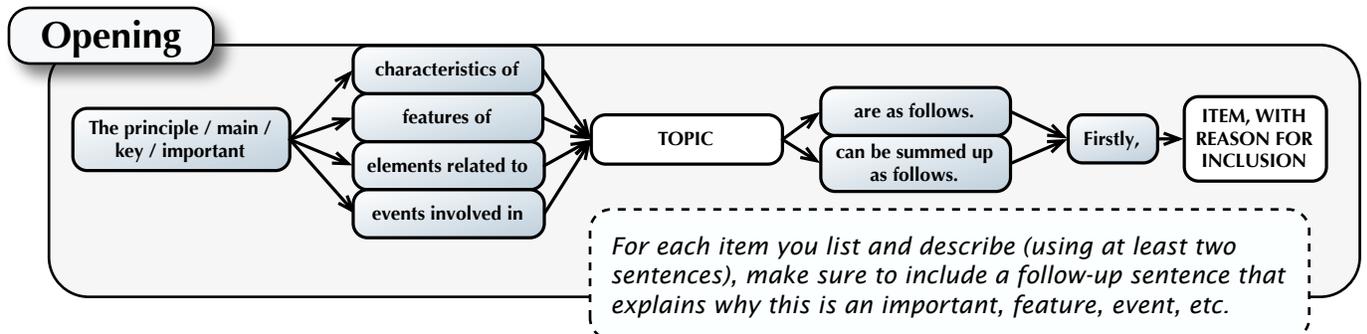
# DEFINE (WHAT IS \_\_\_\_ ?)

*“Give the precise meaning of a word, phrase, or concept.”*



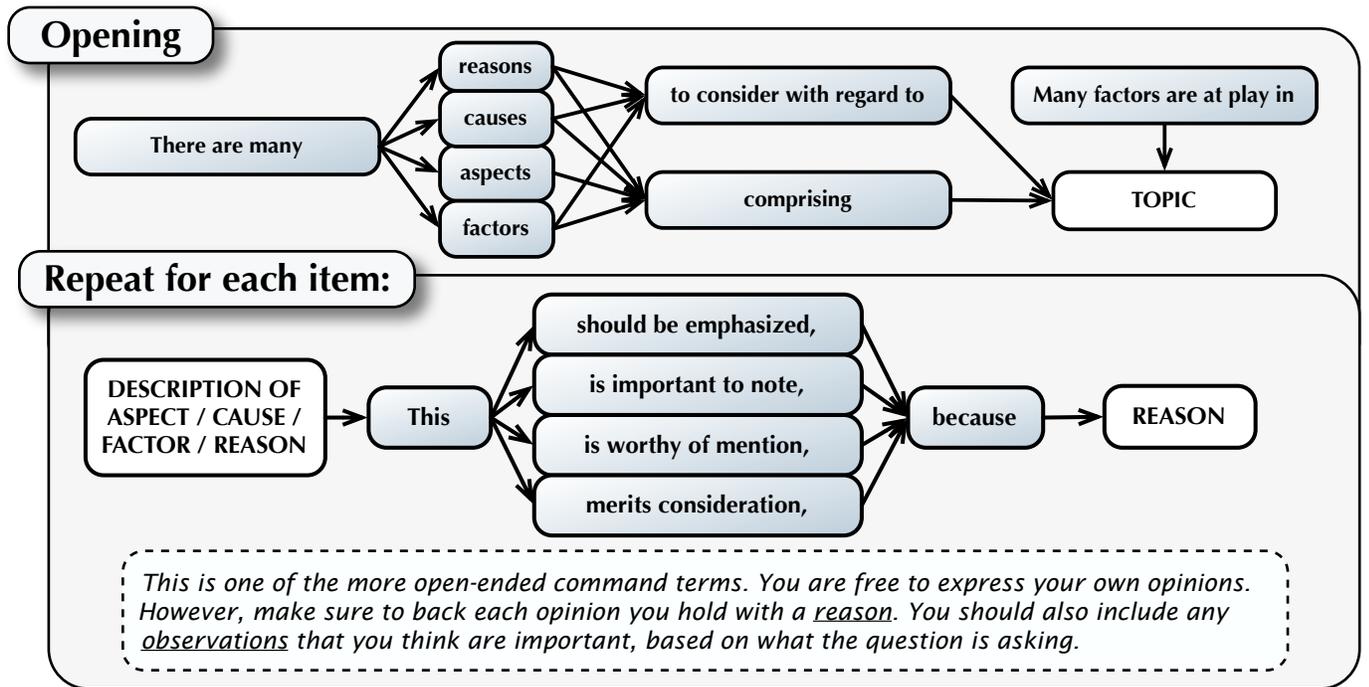
# DESCRIBE

*“Give a detailed account.”*



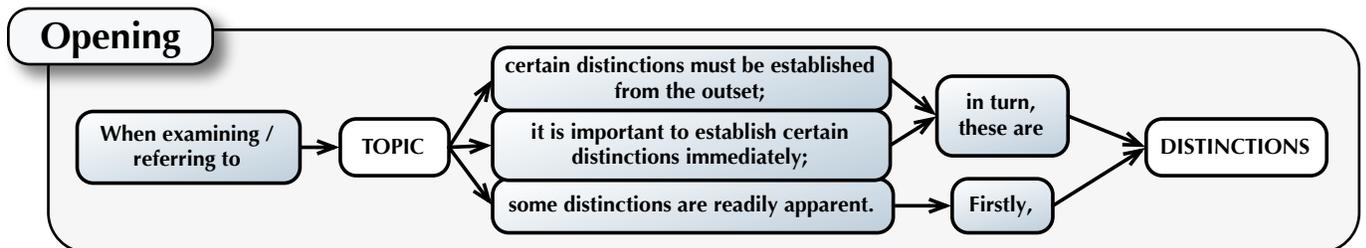
## DISCUSS

*“Offer a considered and balanced review that includes a range of arguments, factors or hypotheses.”*



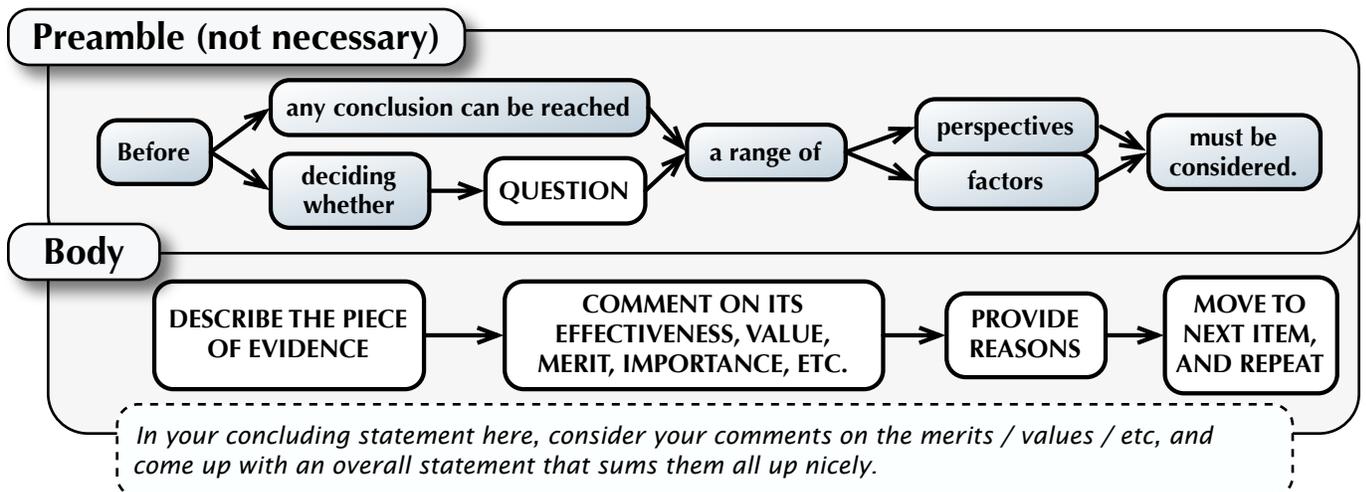
## DISTINGUISH

*“Make clear the differences between two or more concepts or items.”*



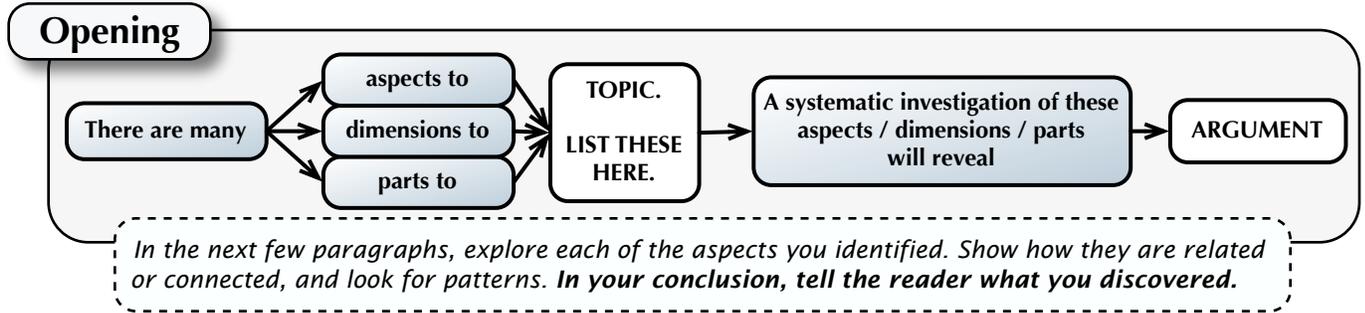
## EVALUATE (ASSESS)

*“Make an appraisal by weighing up the strengths and limitations.”*



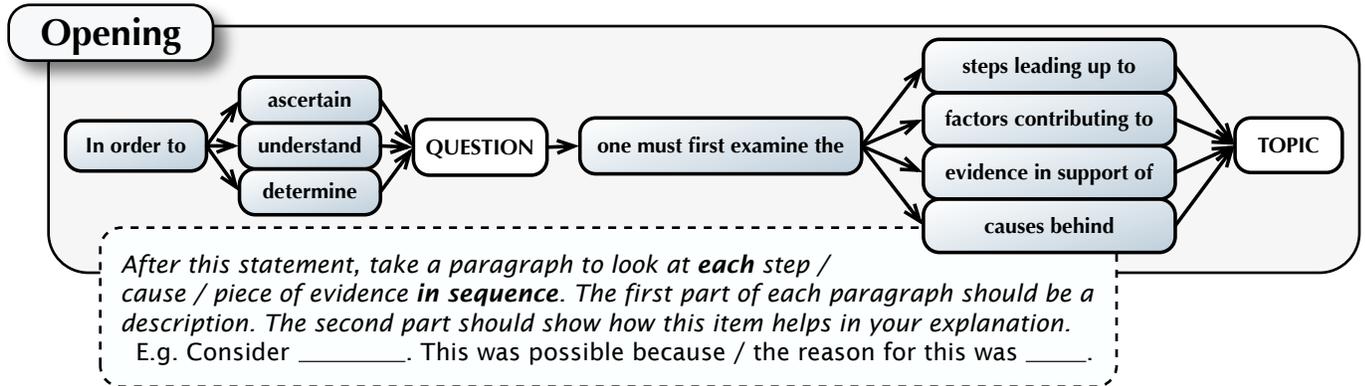
# EXAMINE

*“Consider an argument or concept in a way that uncovers the assumptions and interrelationships of the issue.”*



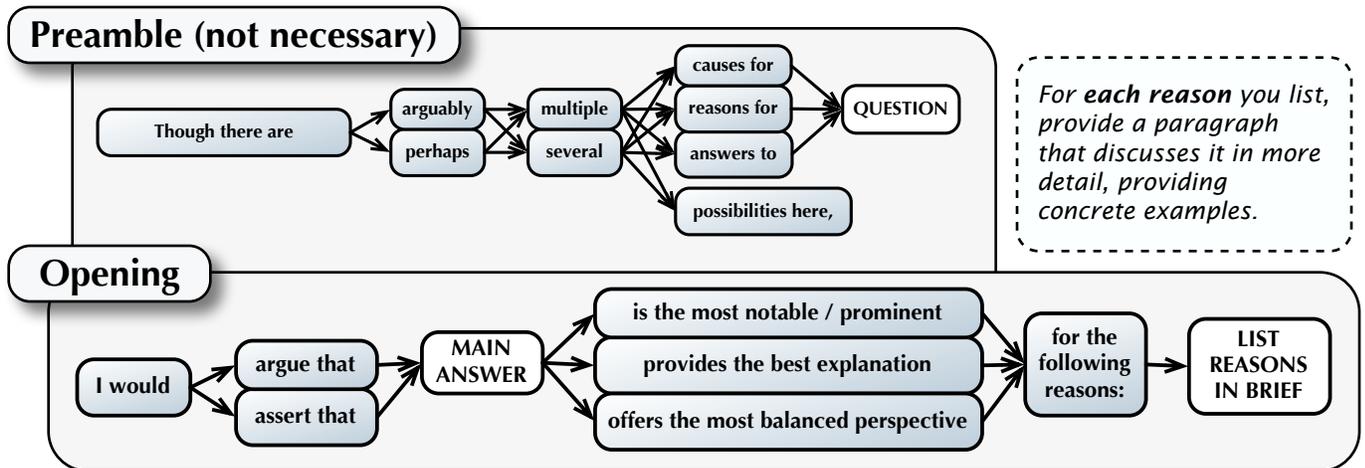
# EXPLAIN (WHY \_\_\_ ?)

*“Give a detailed account including reasons or causes.”*



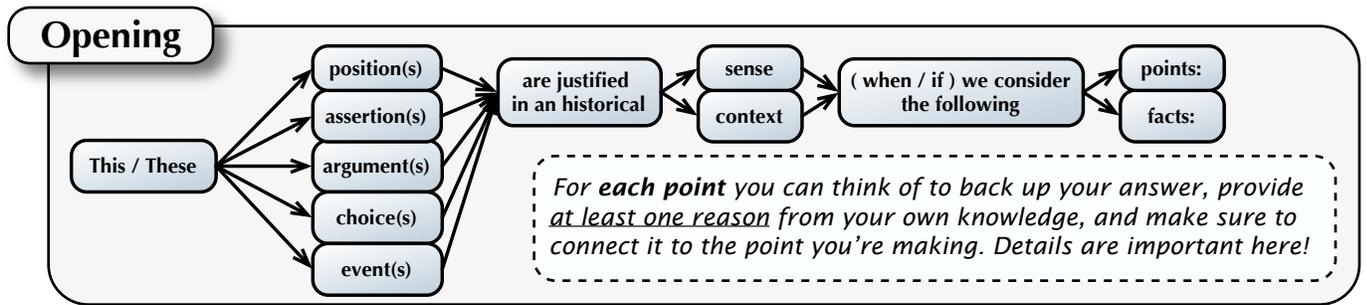
# IDENTIFY

*“Provide an answer from a number of possibilities.”*



# JUSTIFY

*“Give valid reasons or evidence to support an answer or conclusion.”*



# TO WHAT EXTENT

*“Consider the merits or otherwise of an argument or concept. Opinions and conclusions should be presented clearly and supported with appropriate evidence and sound argument.”*

