

# TEXT DEPENDENT WRITING

## Role of the Reader

Step 1-Unpack the prompt:

*Write an explanatory essay in which you determine the theme of the two fables and analyze how the theme is developed over the course of the texts, including its relationship to the characters, setting, or plot. Use details from the text to support your response.*

Step 2-Establish a purpose for reading:

*My purpose for reading is to determine the theme of both fables and analyze how the theme is developed over both texts. My purpose is also to analyze the relationship of the theme to the characters, setting, or plot.*

Step 3-Read and mark the text

- Use annotation symbols to identify evidence in the text, key information, important vocabulary

* Important information
E Evidence
? I don't understand
! WOW
○ Important word

## Role of the Writer

Step 1-Create a controlling idea (thesis, main idea) statement:

*The common theme found in both fables was that being smart can sometimes triumph over being strong. The pattern of similar events, as well as the conflict of the characters in both fables, contributed to the development of the theme.*

Step 2-Plan the response:

- Sort evidence using comparison matrix, evidence strips, or list of evidence from text.
- Plan essay in graphic organizer.

Step 3-Write the essay