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Informative Writing Prompt: *Peter and the Starcatchers*

The novel *Peter and the Starcatchers* uses information about the 1500-1800s to shape the setting and events of its storyline. The way people and things traveled around the world during the last four hundred years was different than it is today, but their legacy still affects people in the world today. For example, pirates on the high seas stole goods and ships from manufacturers, and this piracy continues on today.

Using multiple sources, compare and contrast **one** of the following two topics between the 1800s and today:

- Transportation
- Piracy

Be sure to:

- Include a clear topic
- Include at least one similarity and one difference
- Properly cite your information

Your written response should be in the form of a multi-paragraph essay.

Use the space below for brainstorming:

Informative Essay Rubric

Criteria	0	1	2	3	4
Topic	Missing or completely off-topic	Topic is stated, but the essay wanders off-topic into tangents.	Topic is stated and sustained throughout the essay. The evidences somewhat supports the topic.	Topic is stated and consistent throughout the essay. Most of the evidence clearly supports the topic.	Topic is stated and consistent throughout the essay. Evidence clearly supports the topic.
Similarity	Missing or completely off-topic	The essay doesn't clearly explain one similarity between the 1800s and today. The evidence is weak or missing.	The essay clearly states the similarity between the 1800s and today, and tries to explain it using some evidence.	The essay states and explains the similarity between the 1800s and today using evidence.	The essay clearly states and explains one similarity between the 1800s and today and uses excellent evidence.
Difference	Missing or completely off-topic	The essay doesn't clearly explain one difference between the 1800s and today. The evidence is weak or missing.	The essay clearly states the difference between the 1800s and today, and tries to explain it using some evidence.	The essay states and explains the difference between the 1800s and today using evidence.	The essay clearly states and explains one difference between the 1800s and today and uses excellent evidence.
Citation	Missing or completely off-topic	Some of the quotes or paraphrases have a citation, but not all.	All quotes and paraphrases citation just includes the author or the page number and only one source is used.	All quotes and paraphrases are properly cited like this: (Author pg.). at the end of the sentence. Only one source is used.	All quotes and paraphrases are properly cited like this: (Author pg.). at the end of the sentence. More than one source is used.

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