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**Body Paragraph DRAFTING: Stage 2**

**ROLE MODEL ESSAY**

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We are now in Stage 2 of the Writing Process: DRAFTING. You will draft **three** body paragraphs for your role model essay. Each paragraph will be about a different trait/characteristic/adjective that your role model possesses.

Here are the basic parts/requirements of each body paragraph:

1. **TOPIC SENTENCE**: Every body paragraph starts with a topic sentence. This tells the reader what your body paragraph is about. This topic sentence will be very similar to the “SAY IT” statement you wrote on your ROLE MODEL ESSAY prewriting handout. This is usually ONE specific, direct statement.
2. **EXPLAIN TOPIC SENTENCE**: This is where you elaborate on your topic sentence and explain what you mean by being more specific. These sentences will be an elaboration of your “EXPLAIN IT” column from the ROLE MODEL ESSAY prewriting handout.
3. **EVIDENCE/EXAMPLE:** For this part of the body paragraph, you need to give a very specific, detailed example that proves your topic sentence to be true. This is a detailed example that stems from your “EVIDENCE” column from the ROLE MODEL ESSAY prewriting handout.
4. **REFLECT ON EVIDENCE/EXAMPLE & CLINCHER:** The final part of your body paragraph, sometimes called a clincher, explains what impact the evidence/example you used in this paragraph had on your life. It is answering “so what” – what did you learn from your role model because of the example/evidence? What will you always remember because of this? What lasting effect did this specific example have on you? These are the final reflecting sentences of your body paragraph.

Example of **one body paragraph** (numbers indicate the parts explained above) written using my SEE chart:

\*\*REMEMBER, YOU NEED TO HAVE THREE BODY PARAGRAPHS\*\*

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| SEE Chart  My Role Model: Mom | | |
| SAY IT | Explain It | Give Examples/Evidence |
| Determined = Works hard to succeed | Her childhood was not easy, but mom put herself through college, earned her degree, and has become successful in her career as a nurse. | When growing up, putting food on the table wasn’t easy for my mom’s family. There wasn’t much family support, so graduating from high school seemed impossible, but she did it. Not only did she graduate, but she went to college and earned her degree. She has been recognized at Woodwinds Hospital as one of the top caretakers. |

1. My mom, Cris, is one of the most determined people I know. (2) She was able to overcome a very difficult upbringing. Growing up in a poor family with very little food on the table, my mom learned at a young age to fend for herself. (3) There were five children in my mom’s family and as the second oldest of the children, my mom was often times left to take care of her three brothers and one sister. So, when it came time to eat, most times my mom was the last one to fill her stomach (that is if there was anything left to eat). When my mom’s mom (my grandmother) passed away, things were even tougher for my mom. Her dad was just trying to make ends meet, so he wasn’t home very much, if at all. She had no support when it came to caring for her siblings, or more importantly, school. So, graduating from high school seemed like a long-shot. Soon, my mom realized the only person she could depend upon was herself. (4) Despite a tough childhood and very little support, she graduated from high school, went on to nursing school. I remember being young and my mom studying hard to earn her nursing degree, which she did, and has since become a successful and independent nurse. She works at Woodwinds Health Center as a charge and post-surgery nurse and has been recognized for her outstanding care of patients. Above all else, my mom has raised a happy family. She has made sure that her own children will always be supported and will never have to worry about missing a meal. My mom turned an awful situation into something she can be proud of, which is why she is my role model.

1= TOPIC SENTENCE

2=EXPLAIN TOPIC SENTENCE

3=EVIDENCE

4=REFLECT ON EVIDENCE & CLINCH

Now it’s your turn to draft your THREE body paragraphs —don’t worry about everything being perfect at this stage (wait for revising). Instead, just continue to get your ideas down on paper (here or in your LA notebook). Remember, your pre-writing sheet has already done some of this work for you—use it:

**BODY PARAGRAPH #1**

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