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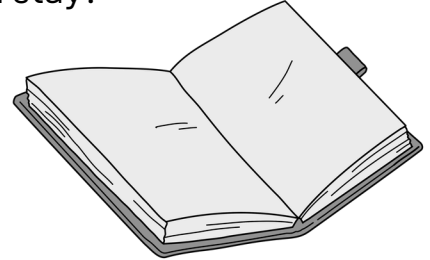
OPINION WRITING

THE PROMPT:

Should Abigail have accepted Vor's sanctuary offer and left Tarkana Academy, or was she right to refuse and stay?

STEP 1: CHOOSE & EXPLAIN YOUR OPINION

- ☐ Abigail should have ACCEPTED sanctuary (left)
- ☐ Abigail was right to REFUSE sanctuary (stayed)



Why? _____

STEP 2: FIND YOUR 3 STRONGEST REASONS

Think about: Abigail's safety, friendships, identity as a witch, goals, what happened to her mother

List 3-5 possible reasons:

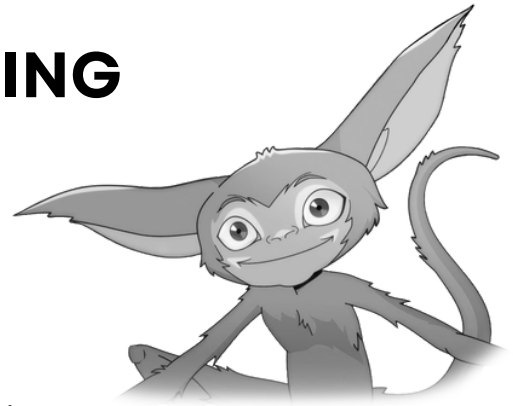
1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

CHECK YOUR REASONS: ✓ Strong reasons explain WHY staying/leaving is better for Abigail × Weak reasons: "Because Vor said so" or "It would be easier"

Put a ★ next to your 3 STRONGEST reasons.

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STEP 3: FIND EVIDENCE FOR EACH REASON



Where to look:

- Safety → times Abigail is in danger
- Identity → Abigail's thoughts about being a witch
- Proving herself → what Abigail says about becoming great
- Friendship → scenes with Hugo

REASON 1: _____

Evidence: _____

(Ch. ____)

This shows that _____

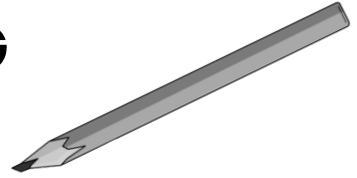
REASON 2: _____

Evidence: _____

(Ch. ____)

This proves that _____

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STEP 4: WRITE YOUR THESIS

Sentence frame: Abigail was right/wrong to [accept/refuse] sanctuary because [reason 1], [reason 2], and [reason 3].

My thesis: _____

STEP 5: PLAN YOUR ESSAY

INTRODUCTION

Hook (grab attention!): Start with a question, exciting moment, or bold statement

Background (2-3 sentences): Explain who Vor is, what she offered, and Abigail's choice

Thesis (copy from Step 4): _____

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BODY PARAGRAPHS (Use evidence from Step 3)

Paragraph 1: First, Abigail should have [stayed/left] because

[Add your evidence and explanation from Step 3]

Paragraph 2: Second, _____

[Add your evidence and explanation from Step 3]

Paragraph 3: Finally, _____

[Add your evidence and explanation from Step 3]

CONCLUSION

Restate thesis (new words): _____

Final thought: Make a prediction, connect to a bigger idea, or end with a question

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Use your plan from Step 5 to write your complete essay here:

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STEP 7: REVISE & EDIT

- ☐ My introduction has hook, background, and thesis
- ☐ I have 3 body paragraphs with evidence and explanations
- ☐ My conclusion restates my thesis and has a final thought
- ☐ I used capital letters and punctuation correctly
- ☐ I checked my spelling



HELPFUL SENTENCE STARTERS

Evidence: According to the story... | In Chapter __, ... | For example...

Explanation: This shows that... | This proves... | This is important because...

Transitions: First,... | Second,... | Finally,... | Additionally,...



[Continue on back if needed]