**Dissecting the Writing Prompt**

The word “dissection” is typically used in relation to biology. We dissect animals to understand the anatomy (bodily structure of an organism).

**Argument Prompt:**

*After reading the article “Social Media as Community” by Keith Hampton develop an argument for why your school should or should not participate in a national “Shut Down Your Screen Week.” Use evidence from Hampton’s article, as well as evidence from another outside source. Be sure to employ a variety of evidence types: anecdotes, facts, reasons, experts, etc. To ensure that your reader is persuaded by your argument, explain your evidence through well-written commentary. End the paragraph with a strong statement that summarizes your point.*

1. Highlight the main verbs in the prompt.
2. Underline the components the prompt tells you to include in your paragraph.
3. Re-read the prompt to understand the steps you will need to take to write your paragraph. List each of those steps below.

a.

b.

c.

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