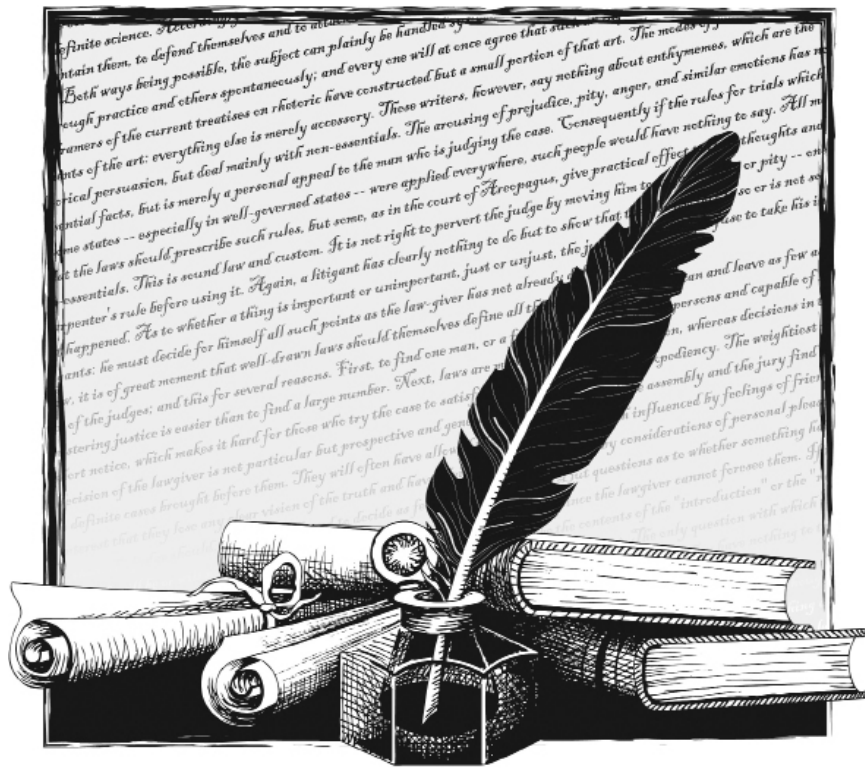


CLASSICAL *Composition*

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Discovering the Skills of Writing
STUDENT BOOK

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Lesson 3: Pathetic Characterization: What Antigone Would Say as She Buried Her Brother, Polynices

1. Present

This paragraph tells of the present situation, looking at life now, in 70-90 words.
Compose the sentences.

1. Thesis

Summarize the present situation with a simple sentence using a present-tense verb.

2. Cause

State what caused the present situation with a complex sentence using a present-tense verb.

3. Paraphrase of Cause

Elaborate the Cause with a compound-complex sentence.

4. Converse

State what might have been with a complex sentence.

5. Paraphrase of Converse

Elaborate the Converse with a complex sentence.

2. Past

This paragraph tells of the past, looking at what life was like and how it changed, in 120-150 words.
Compose the sentences.

1. Topic Sentence

Elaborate the past situation with a simple sentence using a past-tense verb, and with a simile.

2. Paraphrase

Elaborate the past situation with a simple sentence.

3. Example

Narrate a particular past event with a compound-complex sentence.

4. Example

Narrate another related past event with a compound-complex sentence.

5. Paraphrase

Elaborate the example with a compound-complex sentence.

6. Paraphrase

Elaborate the example with another compound-complex sentence.

3. Future

This paragraph tells of the future, examining future choices or options, in 70-90 words.
Compose the sentences.

1. Topic Sentence

Ask a specific question about the future to come with an interrogative, simple sentence.

2. Paraphrase

Reword the question with an interrogative, simple sentence.

3. Cause

Ask the question in a way that reveals what caused it to be asked with an interrogative, simple sentence.

4. Paraphrase

Elaborate on the Cause with a simple sentence.

5. Converse

Ask about a different outcome that might occur with an interrogative, complex sentence.

6. Paraphrase

Elaborate the Converse with a complex sentence.

7. Epilogue

Conclude by stating a final thought or emotion with a complex sentence.

Final Draft

Proofread your sentences above, and correct errors in grammar, spelling, and punctuation.
On a separate sheet of paper, combine the corrected sentences into the form of a final draft.
Be certain your word count is within the limits set for each paragraph.