

Chapter 1 Exercises

Lesson 1.1: Writing Situations and Purposes

1. In the following assignment prompt, identify the key word that indicates the purpose of the writing.

Write an essay that argues for or against oil extraction in Canada's Northwest Territories.
2. Someone wants to file an official complaint of sexist discrimination about a coworker with the Title IX coordinator on campus. Which genre would be most appropriate for this writing situation?

☐ Poem ☐ Fax ☐ Blog ☐ Report
3. Think of the last piece of writing you composed. Write a few sentences explaining the purpose, audience, and genre of the writing.

Lesson 1.2: Writing to Respond

4. Read the following passage. Which sentence indicates that the author is using the response method “respond by reflecting”?

Recently, we read a text for class about different energy sources. One politician quoted in the text said that natural gas is still the only option because sources of alternative energy will never be easily accessible. I agree with this argument; wind and solar energy, for example, are not affordable for people with an average income.
5. Read the following passage. Which sentence indicates that the author is using the response method “respond by comparing”?

The article we read in our last class was about the history of basketball. It contained several quotes from famous basketball players. Recently, I read a book that had a similar subject to the article because it was about the history of soccer.
6. A student has written the following response to a scientific article. Which sentence addresses the author's choice of organizational pattern?

The article was fascinating because it focused on the increase of salmon in local waterways. The author did a strong job of explaining cause and effect, making the cause of the increase in salmon clear and making the effect—an increase in revenue—even clearer. Based on the article, it is likely that the salmon population will continue to increase; the author's use of facts made this easy to discern.

Lesson 1.3: Writing to Summarize

7. Read the following passage. Which sentence contains the main idea?

Not So Lucky Now dramatizes a stockbroker's struggle with addiction and depression in the early 2000s. The film's main purpose is to generate sympathy for those diagnosed with such conditions. Stories like this one shine a light on an essential truth: we must do more to understand those with mental health issues, and we must spend more tax money on accessible mental health care.

8. What is the purpose of the following summary?

“Frayed” is set in future Los Angeles and features a down-on-his luck detective investigating the murder of a synthetic human. Throughout the story, the author emphasizes how dangerous technological advancements can be. The character of Maya Rodriguez is especially interesting because of her multifaceted personality and persistence in the face of death.

- ☐ It is a brief overview meant to familiarize the reader with the story so that the main point about the specific character makes sense.
 - ☐ It is very detailed and is used to provide an overview of the entire story.
9. The following summary is based on this main idea: “The setting of this novel reveals the author’s intent to convey a sense of melancholy, sadness, and frustration.” Which sentence includes a detail that is **not** relevant to this main idea?

The novel opens with a scene on the moor, fog hanging across the bleak landscape. I didn’t care for several of the characters, particularly the cousin. Near the end of the novel, the fog lifting would have created a feeling of hope; however, this was not the case.

Lesson 1.4: Writing to Propose

10. In the following proposal, which sentence anticipates objections?

Have you ever checked your phone only to see that you had no new notifications? We constantly check our phones, which leads to distraction, decreased productivity, and disappointment. I have developed a phone prototype that can be programmed to turn the screen a specific color based on different types of new notifications. In field tests, individuals using the prototype checked their phone 50% less than individuals using a regular smartphone. Some have pointed out that this is not helpful to people with visual impairment, but there is an option to use a specified ringtone or vibration to indicate notifications. What I need to make this prototype a reality is a \$30,000 loan.

11. Which hook would be most effective for the following writing situation?

Dev is writing a proposal to start a not-for-profit community vegetable garden.

- ☐ Wouldn’t it be hilarious if you went to the market and the shelves were bare? Sorry, we’re all out!
 - ☐ In a community where most members lack the funds to purchase healthy food, a not-for-profit community vegetable garden will fill bellies and hearts.
 - ☐ We would like to grow vegetables. This would be helpful in our neighborhood.
12. Read the following proposal. Which sentence contains the most effective supporting evidence?

As graduate students, we have been working to hone our skills in a new style of digital news reporting, and we would like to be the recipients of the university’s Innovations in Human Connection grant. To date, digital news reporting has never utilized the montage system we have developed: a system that allows viewers to see a variety of stories in a new type of encapsulated format. Ratings industries that have reviewed our new reporting style have applauded our ability to impart more breaking news reports at a faster rate than traditional reporting methods, all without sacrificing depth of information. We request that the upcoming grant be awarded to our graduate group so that we can advance human connection through media.

Lesson 1.5: Writing to Discuss

13. Read the following passage. Which sentence indicates the writer's intention to discuss?

The 1700s are often called the "Age of Reason" or the "Age of Enlightenment." Prominent thinkers of this period include writers and philosophers like Rousseau, Voltaire, and Descartes, who each made contributions that still shape modern society. Voltaire is quoted often because he wrote about our right to speak freely.

14. Which questions could be useful for generating discussion? Identify all that apply.

- ☐ Do you feel the judge acted responsibly?
- ☐ Where do you see characters facing difficult decisions in this story?
- ☐ Which orchard grew the most oranges?

15. Read the following incomplete statement about question writing with the intent to discuss. Which word or phrase best fills in the blank?

Divide the question up into _____ pieces for dissecting and answering.

- ☐ jumbled
- ☐ separate
- ☐ an odd number of

Lesson 1.6: Writing to Describe

16. The following passage appeals primarily to which sense?

The gleam of the chalice fixed Joquan's gaze. What looked to be alien letters blossomed on its surface and then receded again as if blinking out a code. A mist filtered up from its platform and enveloped the area in a cloudy haze.

- ☐ Sight
- ☐ Touch
- ☐ Taste
- ☐ Smell

17. Read the following passage. Which sentence uses figurative language?

My drive home last night was extremely frustrating and took almost an hour. The late rush hour traffic crawled slower than a herd of snails. By the time I got home, my back and shoulders were painfully tense, stiff, and sore.

18. Read the following sentence. Which detail could replace the underlined phrase to provide the clearest, most specific description?

The photographer was good at getting kids to smile for the camera.

- ☐ succeeded at prompting smiles
- ☐ cleverly used props and rubber duckies to make children grin
- ☐ made children laugh and giggle

Lesson 1.7: Writing to Argue

19. Read the following passage. Which sentence states a personal taste?

It's important to study Caribbean poetry because it gives a voice to groups of individuals who often go largely unheard. Additionally, Caribbean poetry is more beautiful than British or American poetry.

20. Read the following passage. Which sentence attempts to establish common ground with the audience?

Morning traffic management has become a safety hazard and a serious source of stress at Washington Elementary School. Of course, we all just want our kids to get to school safely and on time. Bus drivers must stop crossing traffic lines and show more courtesy for parents who drive their kids to school.

21. Read the following incomplete sentence. Which detail would best fill in the blank to make this a statement of value rather than preference?

The food craze featuring kale is _____.

- ☐ fortunately leading to more delicious, healthy side dishes
- ☐ one trend that illustrates the new wave of health consciousness sweeping the nation
- ☐ overrated because the vegetable is bitter and difficult to cook with

Lesson 1.8: Writing to Analyze

22. Read the following passage. Which sentences demonstrate analysis? Identify all that apply.

William Shakespeare is renowned for writing countless plays and poems. In one play, a character named Iago lies to his friend Othello—the title character—multiple times. Iago informs the audience that he lies because he is bitter that Othello did not choose him to be a lieutenant in the Venetian army. Iago is a symbol of the destruction that comes from holding onto a grudge. Iago expresses no remorse for his actions, which shows that his character is thoroughly corrupt.

23. Read the following passage. Which sentences help you infer the time of year? Identify all that apply.

Without thinking, Javier sprinted out the door. His lips turned blue, and his body stiffened. He didn't mind; he was on a mission to catch the boy he'd just seen stealing his bike. As he ran down the street, he was still careful to avoid the melted puddles and gray slush.

24. Read the following points from an outline. They should be a sequentially organized analysis of the Great Migration, but they've been jumbled. Identify which order they should be in to make the outline sequential.

(A) During the Great Depression of the 1930s, the migration north slowed due to fewer available jobs.

(B) Around 1910, African Americans began moving north to flee unjust Jim Crow laws.

(C) Up until about 1910, 90% of African Americans lived in the South.

(D) By 1970, the vast majority of African Americans lived in cities.

- ☐ C, B, A, D ☐ B, A, C, D ☐ D, A, B, C

Lesson 1.9: Writing to Evaluate

25. Angie is planning a vacation to Miami. Which standards are relevant to her evaluation of hotels in the area? Identify all that apply.

- ☐ Cost
- ☐ The manager's name
- ☐ Amenities
- ☐ Location

26. Read the following incomplete statement. Which detail best fills in the blank to complete the sentence?

When writing to evaluate, visual elements are useful sources of evidence to support or defend a claim because they _____.

- ☐ clarify and illustrate the points a writer is trying to prove
- ☐ offer readers a chance to research the source of the visual element
- ☐ are easier for readers to understand than words

27. Which form of evaluation is illustrated in the following statement?

Explaining that the student had not adequately completed the majority of past-due assignments, the instructor then provided a brief summary stating why the student would not pass the course.

- ☐ Assessment
- ☐ Appraisal
- ☐ Analysis

Chapter 2 Exercises

Lesson 2.1: Descriptive Writing

1. Read the following passage. Which sentence “shows” the idea instead of “telling” it?

The elderly teacher found the playground noise to be distracting and even bothersome. She rested her head in her age-spotted hands and closed her tired eyes, the shrill voices growing distant with each of her meditative breaths. Jeremy, her most rambunctious student, sat beside her and asked if she was okay. She smiled and responded truthfully: “Yes.”

2. In the following sentence, which word provides readers with a nonvisual sensory detail?

The big-bellied robin chirped his song the entire sunny morning.

3. Read the following passage. To what sense does it primarily appeal?

The glimmer of the silver bauble captivated Toni. The markings that crisscrossed its surface seemed almost supernatural, alien in design. A hazy blue film, silky and nearly transparent, covered the entire ornament.

☐ Smell ☐ Touch ☐ Sound ☐ Taste ☐ Sight

4. Identify the strong action verb in the following sentence.

Recently elected, the mayor was unprepared when journalists peppered him with several difficult questions at once.

5. Which sentence contains the strongest verb?

- ☐ News of the last-minute delay was surprising to the journalism community.
☐ News of the last-minute delay greatly surprised the journalism community.
☐ News of the last-minute delay flabbergasted the journalism community.
☐ News of the last-minute delay caused shock within the journalism community.

Lesson 2.2: Narrative Writing

6. Read the following narrative. How is it organized?

As a college student active in community service projects, Salena found that she could empathize with people experiencing exclusion. Salena recounted her experiences of being ceaselessly bullied by her peers in middle school. Girls she’d considered friends had gossiped mercilessly behind her back.

- ☐ Nonlinear order with flash-forward
☐ Chronological order
☐ Nonlinear order with flashback

7. Which sentence in the following passage indicates that the narrative is written in nonlinear order?

It wasn’t until my friend Judah mentioned he was moving that I considered a world outside of West Covina. All that I know and love exists within the parameters of this city. One year from now, I will make the decision to jump on a plane and move across the country. Today, I am wondering if re-signing my apartment lease was a mistake; maybe there’s something else out there worth exploring.

8. Which type of hook does the following introductory sentence use?

Country club communities and gaudy shopping centers surrounded the base of the mountain, but no one, not one brave soul, had ever tried to climb its steep slopes.

- ☐ An intriguing description
 - ☐ A compelling quote or strong piece of dialogue
 - ☐ A thoughtful question
9. Read the following description of Joe's narrative essay about organic farming. Then, identify the strongest strategy for concluding this narrative.

Joe's narrative followed USDA certified organic farmers who had labored for years to establish and nurture their crops, then market and distribute their homegrown produce. Kenyan Walters, a farmer from Idaho, is at the center of the narrative, supported by evidence from four others. The farmers knew they had achieved success when they could walk into their local grocery store and find their own produce offered alongside major brands like Dole and Chiquita.

- ☐ Joe should summarize each farmer's experience from beginning to end, just to be sure his readers remembered the process.
 - ☐ Joe should describe Kenyan Walters reflecting on the day he decided to become a farmer and considering how this journey impacted him.
 - ☐ Joe should directly tell his readers the life lessons they can learn from reading his narrative.
10. Read the following narrative excerpt. Which sentence contains a flash-forward?

The FBI's recruitment activity in the nearby mall created a mess of traffic. Anni sang along to the radio as she waited behind a red Chevy pickup truck. In a few short months, she will be in Coronado, CA, training for the next phase of her life as a Navy SEAL. For now, she's doing all she can to stay confident as she prepares for the recruitment fair.

Lesson 2.3: Expository Writing

11. Which question would *not* help you write a strong conclusion?

- ☐ What do I want my readers to learn?
- ☐ What do I want my readers to take away?
- ☐ Why is my main idea important?
- ☐ What new evidence can I provide for my readers?

12. Read the following scenario. Identify the question that would help Sarah write the strongest conclusion.

Sarah is working on a big paper for her art class, and she's using the following questions to draft a conclusion: How can I present a strong takeaway message? How can I introduce my thesis? How can I write this quickly?

13. Read the following scenario. Which organizational strategy would be most effective for Bhavya's purpose?

Bhavya is writing an essay for business class. The prompt asks students to argue the best strategy for winning over new consumers using social media. She must cite three sources and include anecdotes from her own experiences to prove her points. She must present multiple reasons that show why her strategy is the best option.

- ☐ Order of importance
- ☐ Chronological order
- ☐ Spatial order

14. Which conclusion most effectively answers the following question?

What should the audience take away from the essay?

- ☐ “All in all, the horror film *It Follows* has interesting characters, a good plot, and scary music. It also has an interesting message about life.”
- ☐ “As we have seen, *It Follows* is a good horror movie because it features compelling characters, an original plot, and surprising music cues. The film is also an allegory for depression.”
- ☐ “*It Follows* is a rare horror film because it features more than just jump scares or gore. It exemplifies how movies can offer unique perspectives on mental illness. It is worth watching (or rewatching) and deserves more recognition from film critics and scholars.”

15. Which sentence in the following passage serves as a hook?

Leonard Cohen once said, “When things get bad, you just raise your glass and stamp your feet and do a little jig, and that’s about all you can do.” Indeed, sometimes in our worst moments we panic and try to do too much instead of resigning ourselves to the situation. With that in mind, here are four practical and healthy ways to cope with bad news.

Lesson 2.4: Persuasive Writing

16. Read the following passage. Which sentence cites the weakest source?

Vera couldn't believe that she'd sprained her ankle just by walking across the street and tripping in a pothole. She ended up contacting Community Improvement Coalition (CIC), an advocacy group in her city. The director, Jamila Davies, gave Vera plenty of data and publications on pothole-related injuries and briefed her on the challenges of street repair. Vera's smart younger brother Max claimed that he heard the city was moving its street-repair funds into other projects instead of using them as intended.

17. Read the following passage. Which sentence states an opinion?

You seem more collected today than you did yesterday. Yesterday, you poured orange juice into your cereal. You also misplaced a grocery list, which I later found in the garbage.

18. What is the thesis statement in the following passage?

Unfortunately, some pet owners see responsibility and love for their animal as optional instead of unconditional. More than two thousand dogs were dropped off at the local animal shelter last year, and this year's drop-off rate is projected to be even higher. The volunteers care for these animals who have been dismissed, neglected, and unprioritized. Local animal shelters and volunteer staff deserve more recognition and financial support from their community.

19. What kind of evidence is used in the following sentence?

In a four-hour period last Tuesday afternoon, fifteen cars ran through the stop sign at the corner of Talon Street and Wing Road.

- ☐ Expert analysis
- ☐ Fact
- ☐ Opinion

20. Read the following thesis statement for a persuasive paper. Then, identify the most effective opening sentence for the paper's conclusion.

In today's social media climate, we need new laws that criminalize cyberbullying as a serious offense to protect the mental, physical, and emotional wellbeing of young people.

- ☐ Simply put, because so many children have suffered from social media bullying, lawmakers must criminalize cyberbullying.
- ☐ So what should we do to end cyberbullying?
- ☐ Cyberbullying has become more and more prevalent as social media use has increased.

Chapter 3 Exercises

Lesson 3.1: Pre-writing

1. Which term matches the following definition?

A brainstorming strategy for writing all your ideas out in a set amount of time

- ☐ Revising ☐ Free-writing ☐ Drafting

2. Imagine you are pre-writing for a research paper about the electoral college. Practice the questioning strategy in the following space.

3. Monée just finished pre-writing for her essay about the evolution of military technology. What should her next step be?

- ☐ Begin developing a detailed outline.
☐ Submit her pre-write for peer review.
☐ Edit her writing for grammar and spelling.

4. Based on the following scenario, what should Gianna do?

Gianna is considering her new essay assignment and thinks: “I need a way to make a visual connection between these two topics.”

- ☐ Try questioning ☐ Try free-writing ☐ Create a mind map

5. Read the following free-writing excerpt. Identify the sentence that is most likely to be used as the main idea in the final paper.

I grew up watching late-night television shows and admiring the hosts. They always made me laugh no matter what happened during my day. I sometimes wondered how the evolution of late-night television started and how the public compared the hosts to one another. Regardless, all the hosts could put a smile on my face.

Lesson 3.2: Drafting

6. Paulo is starting the first draft of a paper for his engineering course. Which of the following tasks should Paulo consider during this process?

- ☐ Revising any clichés he may have used so that his language is more interesting.
☐ Determining if he needs to do any additional research.
☐ Ensuring that his writing is perfect so that he won’t have to revise it later.

7. Read the following passage. Identify the sentence that uses the most specific supporting detail.

Census data allows us to see big-picture social trends. According to the American Psychological Association, about 40% of married couples end up divorcing (2019). Some people seek counseling before opting for a divorce.

8. Breanne has just drafted the following paragraph. Identify the sentence that does *not* align with the overall topic.

(1) It is not easy to make changes to the law, but if people feel that something needs to be corrected, they should speak up. (2) One way to do this is to appeal to local government representatives. (3) Citizens can make phone calls to their senators or even go door-to-door to get neighbors' signatures and support. (4) When I feel frustrated, I find that reading takes my mind off the things I can't change. (5) Nothing will change if people don't speak up.

- ☐ Sentence 4 ☐ Sentence 3 ☐ Sentence 1 ☐ Sentence 2

9. Read the following introductory paragraph. Identify the sentence that serves as the thesis statement.

When I bought my new computer, I realized just how difficult it can be to navigate the tech world. I had to return two computers because they ended up not meeting my needs. Some people just focus on price and end up with machines that won't do what they need them to do. Navigating the tech world is a tricky experience that should be approached with plenty of market research, preparation, and self-assessment of personal computer needs.

10. Read the following scenario. Identify the most likely outcome based on Devon's actions.

Devon is beginning a first draft. As she writes her first few sentences, she is determined to check her tone and word choice often so that her language is consistent.

- ☐ She likely will struggle because writing a first draft means allowing yourself to make mistakes. If you focus on little details, you might have trouble proceeding.
- ☐ Her drafting will be successful because she is being so meticulous in her first draft.

Lesson 3.3: Revision

11. Read the following passage. Identify the sentence that should be revised because it's unfocused.

Genetically modified crops allow seasonal food to grow longer and faster than they would naturally. Many health professionals argue that genetically modified food can lead to cancer, obesity, and heart disease. A basic chicken casserole contains chicken, carrots, peas, and gravy. In order to cook meals that are free of hormones and chemicals, nutritionists encourage consumers to choose GMO-free ingredients.

12. Jackson has just written the following paragraph. Identify the sentence that needs to be edited, not revised.

Just recently, researchers have shared their latest findings in efforts to fight the spread of breast cancer. The data suggests that a more unified approach to preventative medicine, screenings, and check-ups is needed in order to address the issue. As a result, several scientists has joining forces to test a new vaccine that will supposedly sterilize the cancer cells, thus mitigating the disease's harmful effects.

13. Identify the thesis statement that needs to be revised and further developed.

- ☐ Student involvement in extracurricular college groups, like student government, intramural sports, or interest-based clubs, is important because it increases student retention rates.
- ☐ Getting involved in various aspects of college life is a really good thing.
- ☐ Current gun control laws that require waiting periods and background checks are not properly enforced, but they should be.

14. Read the following draft about the benefits of zoos. Identify the sentence that needs to be revised for focus.

Visiting a local zoo is a great way to learn about nature and celebrate the preservation and care of earth's creatures. Generously paying zoologists and other key personnel is essential in order to care for the animals. Zoos provide a safe habitat for thousands of animals that are well-fed, well-cared for, and well-loved by zookeepers and veterinary staff. Many zoos double as rehabilitation facilities for animals who have been injured or abandoned in the wild. Additionally, visiting a zoo can be an educational experience for children and adults of all ages.

15. Read the following passage. Identify the sentence that needs to be edited.

Music appreciation is a popular course offered in many undergraduate programs. Typically, the course surveys musical eras and their impact on modern musicians. Music classes can expose students to a wide range of genres, and she might even discover a new favorite song or artist.

Lesson 3.4: Peer Review

16. While peer reviewing his classmate's blog post assignment, Dante notices one idea that's underdeveloped. Which suggestion would be the most effective?

- ☐ Great point, but expanding on it with extra details would make it even stronger.
- ☐ This idea needs a lot of work before it's a strong point.
- ☐ Do you have anything else to say about this?

17. Which peer review comment about tone is *least* effective?

- ☐ This part of the introduction could be improved to better match the tone you want to express.
- ☐ Your statement comes across as slightly angry, so you may want to consider revising it.
- ☐ Fix tone.

18. Read the following paragraph. Then, identify the best example of constructive feedback for the author of this passage.

The Boston Tea Party and the subsequent massacre were two key events leading to the Revolutionary War. The Tea Party was a reaction to what was considered burdensome regulations by the British government, and the massacre was more evidence of British oppression. Patriotic newspapers used both events to stir up revolutionary sentiment throughout the colonies and largely succeeded.

- ☐ I think that changing the topic sentence might be an improvement.
- ☐ This paragraph contains some strong information and some weak information.
- ☐ Consider adding transitions to make your ideas flow more logically.

19. Marina's short story is being peer reviewed by her classmate. As an author, what should Marina do to get the most out of the peer review?

- ☐ Argue with her reviewer if she disagrees.
- ☐ Avoid being defensive if her reviewer has criticisms.
- ☐ Ignore any comments she doesn't like.

20. Reagan is peer reviewing a classmate's research paper. Identify the strategy that would help him offer the most effective feedback.

- ☐ Practice actively reading the text.
- ☐ Make as many comments as possible.
- ☐ Read the text as quickly as possible.

Lesson 3.5: Editing

21. Identify the sentence that correctly uses the adjective *smooth*.
- ☐ The smooth wood contributed to the overall price of the handcrafted table.
 - ☐ The warm beverage was comforting and went down smooth.
 - ☐ All of the events unfolded smooth.
22. Identify the sentence that needs to be edited for a subject-verb agreement error.
- ☐ Many historians has tried and failed to determine the fate of the lost colony of Roanoke.
 - ☐ After receiving a grant from Harvard, the sociologists have raised enough funds to begin their research.
 - ☐ Ten percent of the lithium ion batteries were found to be defective.
 - ☐ Communities in rural Wisconsin tend to be much older demographically than major cities, like Milwaukee and Madison.
23. Identify the sentence that needs to be edited for a comma splice error.
- ☐ Holland evaluates how the play portrays the “place” of women, particularly in the family and the state.
 - ☐ With abolitionism contributing to increased social unrest in both England and the United States, early nineteenth-century critics focused on the social contexts and themes of the play.
 - ☐ Few women in literature have become as infamous as Medea, Greek mythology depicts her as the anti-woman.
24. Read the following passage. Identify the sentence that contains a dangling modifier.
- Felicity and Yin participated in a Habitat for Humanity home build last Saturday. Afterward, they came back to their apartment for dinner. Hungry and tired, the pizza disappeared quickly.
25. Read the following paragraph. Identify the sentence that needs to be edited.
- Anonymous sources are a controversial yet important resource for journalists. Some people fear retribution by the government or their workplace others wish to continue providing information. Because of the obscure nature of anonymous sources, the information they provide cannot be verified easily. Recent leaks by both government representatives and public citizens put drawn anonymous sources under further scrutiny.

Lesson 3.6: The Final Draft

26. Identify the visual description that best supports the purpose of the following text.
- A magazine article about the 2020 presidential election
- ☐ A photo of the Pentagon
 - ☐ A portrait of George Washington
 - ☐ Photos from the most recent presidential debate
27. Read the following scenario. Identify the student who is completing tasks that are appropriate for a final draft.
- Jenna** is reorganizing her support sentences so that they express her ideas more clearly. **Karin** is making sure sections are clearly separated by the appropriate headings. **Lorenzo** is marking up his paper for grammatical mistakes.
- ☐ Jenna
 - ☐ Karin
 - ☐ Lorenzo

28. Identify the term that matches the following definition.

The size and style of letters

- ☐ Font
- ☐ Margins
- ☐ Genre

29. Eliza is bolding her headings and applying consistent font throughout her essay. Which category do these tasks fall under?

- ☐ Choosing a layout and design
- ☐ Printing or uploading the work
- ☐ Reflecting on the goals of the writing assignment
- ☐ Adding visuals

30. Jamar edited a colleague's paper and found the following errors. Identify the one that relates to consistency in layout and design.

- ☐ Excessive use of passive voice
- ☐ Use of two different font colors
- ☐ No commas in a long list

 Chapter 4 Exercises**Lesson 4.1: Rhetorical Essay Structures**

1. Read the following process analysis paragraph. Identify the two sentences that should be switched.

When writing an essay, there are several steps you should take. Pre-writing is the first step; you must brainstorm ideas to determine a narrowed topic for your essay. Once you have finished a complete draft, you should go through and revise for content and organization. Once you have a good idea of your narrowed topic and how to support your main idea, you can start drafting. Toward the end of the process, you'll need to edit for grammar and spelling, and you may participate in a peer review. The very last step is to submit your essay according to your instructor's guidelines.

2. Identify the sentence that best describes the structure of a narrative essay.

- ☐ It employs a formal essay structure based on a thesis statement and a logical progression of supporting ideas.
- ☐ It often follows a chronological sequence or a story pattern.

3. Read the following paragraph. Identify its organizational structure.

There were several pivotal events that led me to move back to my hometown. While it was a difficult decision, I was confident in my choice, and I felt as though my reasons were justified. First, I simply missed being with loved ones during important life events; I hated missing birthdays, holidays, and anniversaries year after year. Similarly, I wanted my family to be more involved in the lives of my children. My kids hardly knew their own grandparents or cousins, and I wanted that to change for their sake. Finally, my spouse, who has never moved to a different state, was supportive, excited, and ready for change. All these factors contributed to my decision to move back home, and I couldn't be happier.

- ☐ Compare and contrast ☐ Definition ☐ Process ☐ Cause and effect

4. Identify the topic that would be the best choice for a compare-and-contrast essay.

- ☐ How to fix a crack in the foundation of a home
- ☐ The transformative growth that infants experience in their first year of life
- ☐ The similarities and differences between coffee and energy drinks

5. Identify the topic that would be the best choice for a definition essay.

- ☐ The contributing factors and consequent effects of laziness
- ☐ How to balance chemical equations
- ☐ The true meaning of integrity

Lesson 4.2: The Introduction

6. Identify the hook that is most likely to be considered a cliché.

- ☐ “The risk of a wrong decision is preferable to the terror of indecision.” -Maimonides
- ☐ “Everything happens for a reason.”
- ☐ “I have always had a dread of becoming a passenger in life.” -Princess Margaret

7. Read the following introduction. Identify the thesis statement.

W. Eugene Smith said, “The world just does not fit conveniently into the format of a 35mm camera.” Before cameras, taking a selfie required sitting in front of a painter for hours, even days. Now, anyone with a cell phone can take crystal clear photos. Smartphones, tablets, and (of course) cameras have made simple photography easy and accessible. However, an iPhone snapshot is still wildly simpler than professional photography, which requires extensive training, camera operation knowledge, and editing software prowess.

8. Identify the term that matches the following definition.

Writing that communicates the characteristics or qualities of a thing or event

- ☐ Persuasive writing
- ☐ Descriptive writing
- ☐ Narrative writing

9. Read the following incomplete introduction. Of the three standard introduction components, which one is missing?

If you’ve ever seen a red front door, the family inside might be celebrating. Traditionally in Scotland, homeowners paint their front doors red to signify that they’ve paid off their mortgage. Creating a budget, having an emergency fund, and paying off debt by interest rate are three steps that can help anyone begin the journey to being debt-free.

- ☐ An attention-grabbing hook
- ☐ A concise introduction to the topic and its relevance to the audience
- ☐ A thesis statement

10. Draft the introduction for a compare-and-contrast essay about working vs. not working as a full-time student. Make sure to include the three standard components of an introduction.

Lesson 4.3: Thesis and Purpose Statements

11. Identify the strongest thesis statement.

- ☐ Holidays are difficult for people who tend to get upset and sad around that time of year.
- ☐ The holiday season is a difficult time for people dealing with emotional struggles because it puts pressure on them to act or feel happier than they are, and that pressure can feel magnified when surrounded by cheerful friends and family.
- ☐ “As we struggle with shopping lists and invitations, compounded by December’s bad weather, it is good to be reminded that there are people in our lives who are worth this aggravation, and people to whom we are worth the same.” -Donald E. Westlake

12. Identify the true statement about thesis statements.

- ☐ Thesis statements should assert the writer's perspective, based on facts.
- ☐ Stating your personal preference is usually enough for a thesis.
- ☐ A thesis statement should be a broad, oversimplified topic sentence.
- ☐ Your thesis may just be a quotation from an authority figure.

13. Identify the strongest thesis statement.

- ☐ Having children is a serious commitment, and those who seek to start a family should first consider the financial, emotional, and physical demands of parenting.
- ☐ Many young adults are waiting to have kids later in life or not having them at all.
- ☐ According to a 2019 *CBS News* report, the average age of first-time mothers is twenty-nine, which is significantly higher than the 1970 average of twenty-four.

14. Read the following thesis statement. Does the author correctly use the transition word *consequently*?

Planning a wedding is a time-consuming process as it requires regular communication and often stressful coordination with multiple vendors; **consequently**, it is often an enjoyable experience for the happy couple.

- ☐ No, the transition is used incorrectly.
- ☐ Yes, the transition is used correctly.

15. Wes has developed the following working thesis statement. What strategies would help him strengthen it? Identify all that apply.

Everyone should learn Spanish.

- ☐ Identify a specific method of making Spanish instruction widely accessible
- ☐ Provide specific reasons why it is important for everyone to learn Spanish
- ☐ List other languages that people should learn
- ☐ Include a quote from a bilingual celebrity

Lesson 4.4: Body Paragraphs

16. Consider the following scenario. Is Jennie's statement correct?

Ned's study group is reviewing body paragraphs in preparation for the midterm. His classmate, Jennie, says, "A body paragraph contains the thesis of the paper."

- ☐ No, Jennie's statement is incorrect.
- ☐ Yes, Jennie's statement is correct.

17. Read the following passage. Which sentences serve as supporting details? Identify all that apply.

Hamlet is a classic play, due in part to Shakespeare's insight into how humans cope with loss and how grief impacts the mind. Hamlet experiences nearly all five stages of grief, a concept explained in modern psychology by Elizabeth Kübler-Ross. Hamlet's overwhelming depression leads him to question everything he believes in, including his religion. *Hamlet* was first performed in 1602, which shows that even four hundred years ago, Shakespeare was familiar with the human psyche. In later paragraphs, we will explore how Shakespeare used word play and dialogue to build richly complex characters.

18. Read the following body paragraph. Identify the topic sentence.

Walt Disney, a man who has shaped countless lives worldwide with childlike joy, first aspired to be in the military. At sixteen years old, Disney dropped out of high school in hopes of joining the Army. The Army rejected him due to his age, but he was able to get a job with the American Red Cross. Fortunately, his career path steered away from the military and instead toward being a cartoonist and businessman, and he went on to create the characters, movies, and theme parks that so many people know and love.

19. Read the following paragraph. Identify the sentence that expresses the main idea.

There has been great debate over the legacy of America's fortieth president, Ronald Reagan. Some people argue that Reagan helped to boost the economy and peacefully end the Cold War. However, others feel that Reagan left a trail of financial issues and a rise in homelessness as a result of his time in office.

20. Read the following sentences that belong in a body paragraph. Identify the order that they should be in.

(A) Fortunately, on his way home from his last presentation, he ran into an old friend who had just been made editor of Vanguard Books.

(B) Dr. Seuss almost gave up his dream of becoming an author after presenting his first manuscript to twenty-seven publishers without success.

(C) Vanguard published Seuss's *And to Think That I Saw It on Mulberry Street*, and a beloved icon of children's literature was born.

☐ A, B, C

☐ C, B, A

☐ B, A, C

☐ C, A, B

Lesson 4.5: Transitions

21. Identify the sentence that uses the transition *although* correctly.

- ☐ I thought the new instructor was going to be harsh and unfriendly; although, she was quite friendly during the entire class.
- ☐ The kids wanted to spend all weekend outside; although, the mosquitoes were so bad, they had to spend most of it inside.
- ☐ Although Steven stopped to speak with a coworker after the meeting, he was still able to make his lunch date.

22. Read the following paragraph. Identify the sentence that needs a transition word or phrase to connect it to the other ideas in the paragraph.

We spent all spring preparing for the national championship. When the hot July day arrived, we were nervous but ready. During the game, we played just as we had practiced. We celebrated at the local pizza place.

23. Identify the sentence that includes a cause-and-effect transition word/phrase.

- ☐ An additional consideration is the candidate's work ethic.
- ☐ Above all, never leave the keys in your car for any reason.
- ☐ Inevitably, the felon received a prison sentence for her crime.

24. Draft a body paragraph explaining three things you've done in the last week. Use chronological transition words and phrases that show the progression of your ideas. Underline all the transitions in your paragraph.

25. Read the following passage. Identify the transition phrase.

Larissa enjoys cooking healthy meals at home that are brimming with organic fruits and vegetables. On the other hand, when she eats out, she enjoys splurging on sugary drinks, red meat, and fried potatoes.

Lesson 4.6: The Conclusion

26. Read the following scenario. Identify the concluding strategy Noah has used.

Noah has decided to conclude his essay on *The Lord of the Flies* with a powerful line spoken by one of the characters.

- ☐ Connect the topic to the future
- ☐ Provide a surprising statistic
- ☐ Use a powerful quote

27. Identify the strategy used in the following conclusion statement.

In the next two to three years, initiatives for discovering sustainable energy sources are expected to increase exponentially.

- ☐ Conjecturing what's to come
- ☐ Recommending steps the reader should take
- ☐ Presenting a brief story that illustrates the main point

28. Draft the conclusion for an essay arguing your stance on whether or not college athletes should be paid.

29. Consider the following scenario. Identify the sentence that indicates Toby is *not* ready to write the conclusion.

Toby's essay includes evidence from five different scholarly sources. He considers both supporting and opposing evidence on his topic. However, he has not made his own stance or argument clear.

30. Marcus is concluding an essay on the following topic: the theme of blindness in *Oedipus Rex*. Identify the sentence that would be most effective in his conclusion.

- ☐ Blindness is also a prevalent theme in *King Lear*.
- ☐ Additionally, *Oedipus Rex* is a story about the dangers of literal and figurative blindness, as experienced by Teiresias, Oedipus, and Jocasta.
- ☐ Oedipus learns from tragic experience that, although honesty can be admirable, stubbornness is often the seed of our own undoing.

Chapter 5 Exercises

Lesson 5.1: Taking Notes and Annotating Texts

1. Read the following passage. Which sentences describe good note-taking practices? Identify all that apply.

In class, Devorah organized her notes into a topic outline. She focused on writing down what the instructor was saying, word for word. In her next class, she decided to use abbreviations instead.

2. Julianna's English instructor made the following statement during lecture. Identify the strongest set of notes that would help Julianna study the concepts discussed in this lecture.

"John Edgar Wideman wrote the Homewood trilogy of novels based upon his experiences growing up in Pittsburgh. While this is renowned fiction—the *New York Times* called him 'one of America's premier writers of fiction'—he's also quite accomplished in other forms of writing as well, including memoir."

- ☐ JE Wideman Homewood trilogy, based personal childhood Pittsburgh; NYTimes, "One of America's premier writers of fiction" also writes memoir
 - ☐ Wideman wrote Homewood novels in neighborhood. Also memoir.
 - ☐ John Edgar Wideman wrote Homewood trilogy novels, based upon growing up in Pittsburgh, PA. Is renowned fiction, NYTimes, "One of America's premier writers of fiction" - also quite accomplished in other forms of writing, memoir
3. Based on the following scenario, identify the note-taking strategy Ceara should use.
- Ceara needs to take notes on a chapter from her biology textbook, but she's not sure which information to write down.
- ☐ Write down the main ideas from the chapter.
 - ☐ Read the chapter several times instead of taking notes on it.
 - ☐ Write down a majority of the information from the chapter.
4. Consider the following scenario. Identify the student who is practicing effective annotating.
- Four students are reading an assignment for history class. Derek is highlighting entire paragraphs that seem important. Forrest is reading silently, making mental notes of key concepts. Paymon is writing a short summary after each paragraph. Wes is underlining language he's familiar with.
- ☐ Derek ☐ Forrest ☐ Paymon ☐ Wes

Lesson 5.2: Identifying the Main Idea and Supporting Details

5. Read the following paragraph. Identify its general topic.

I found I was intrigued by people who had unearthed their true calling, or at least those who were willing to try. For instance, I admired people who fought against the seduction of money, overcoming its allure with sheer willpower. Similarly, the people who broke away from the chorus to learn the sound of their own voice inspired me to find my own. Nothing seemed braver (or more challenging) to me than facing my own identity and filtering out the chatter that tells us to be someone we're not.

- ☐ Identity ☐ Overcoming obstacles ☐ Family ☐ Fame

6. Read the following passage. Which sentences express major details? Identify all that apply.

My professional experiences have prepared me for a career with Pup Patrol Dog Walkers. Most recently, I have worked as a certified trainer for dogs of all sizes and ages with Pets'N'More. In this position, I have had to assess and address the individual needs of up to twelve dogs in a single class. Additionally, I have owned and operated an award-winning private dog-walking business since 2016. This experience has only reinforced my passion for dogs.

7. Casey is reading a text that contains the following topic sentence. Identify what is likely the general topic of this text.

Famous director Alfred Hitchcock uses a variety of tactics to make each scene of his horror films as unnerving as possible.

- ☐ Directing techniques in comedy films
- ☐ Horror movies
- ☐ Landmark Supreme Court cases

Lesson 5.3: Identifying Organizational Patterns

8. Consider the following scenario. Identify the type of organizational pattern used in the chapter.

Andrew is reading a textbook chapter for his American history class. The chapter focuses on the factors that contributed to the start of the Civil War and the effects that followed.

- ☐ Topical
- ☐ Spatial
- ☐ Order of importance
- ☐ Cause and effect

9. Consider the following scenario. Identify the organizational pattern used in the article.

Kona is reading a food magazine article in which the author notes the differences between two popular seafood restaurants in Charleston, South Carolina.

- ☐ Chronological order
- ☐ Spatial order
- ☐ Compare and contrast
- ☐ Cause and effect

10. Read the following passage. Which transition words or phrases indicate a chronological organizational pattern? Identify all that apply.

In college, Henna preferred beer over wine. When she was in her late twenties, she tried red wine again and found that her palette had evolved. She enjoyed the nuances of different red wines so much she wanted to become an expert. After a few years of being an amateur wine connoisseur, she enrolled in a wine-tasting class and read books about wine. By her fortieth birthday, she had used her savings to open a small wine bar in her hometown. Three years after opening, Henna's wine bar earned "Best Small Business" award and a two-page spread in the local food magazine.

11. Identify the task that is **not** part of outlining a text.

- ☐ Add brief descriptions of the supporting details as subtopics in your outline.
- ☐ Identify the implicit or explicit thesis in the top level of your outline.
- ☐ Summarize the body paragraphs to determine the main idea of each.
- ☐ Highlight all key terms in blue.

Lesson 5.4: Understanding Purpose, Audience, and Tone

12. Muhammad is reading a financial report for business class and notices the following topic sentence. Based on this topic sentence, identify the purpose of the report.

This report will be presented to senior leadership in an effort to gain backing and support for the 2020 budget overhaul proposal.

- ☐ To entertain ☐ To persuade ☐ To reflect ☐ To inform

13. Leila is watching an interview with the architect of the tallest building in the world. In the interview, the architect is asked to discuss their experience throughout the construction process, how it helped them grow professionally, and the lessons they learned along the way. Based on this information, what is the intended purpose of the interview?

- ☐ To persuade ☐ To reflect ☐ To inform ☐ To entertain

14. Read the following passage. Identify the dominant tone it expresses.

When I was a senior in high school, my mom was deployed to Afghanistan with the rest of her army squadron. It was originally supposed to be a six-month deployment, but we found out five months in that it would be extended for an “undisclosed” amount of time. It was difficult to experience uncertainty about when (or even if) my mom would come home. On the day of my high school graduation, I was excited but filled with sadness that my mom wouldn’t be there. I was absolutely blindsided, thrilled, and overcome with emotion when she surprised me outside the arena. It was a day that I will remember in vivid detail for the rest of my life.

- ☐ Enthusiastic ☐ Uninterested ☐ Reflective ☐ Lonely

15. Read the following incomplete sentence. Identify the word group that, if added in the blank, would create a hopeless tone.

As a kid, Crystal grew up thinking anything was possible. Now, as an adult, she wakes up every morning _____.

- ☐ wondering what adventures await her in the upcoming day
☐ feeling ready to tackle any challenges she might run into
☐ without a real sense of purpose, feeling like life has passed her by

Lesson 5.5: Recognizing Rhetorical Appeals

16. Read the following passage. Identify the statement that uses an appeal to *pathos*.

Sales of Disney theme park tickets have increased over the past seven years. Some employers offer discount tickets to employees who are interesting in traveling to theme parks during peak seasons. Visitors are willing to pay the higher fees for a day at “the most magical place on earth.” For instance, Maya, a ten-year-old patient at St. Jude Children’s Hospital, cried when the medical staff presented her and her mother with two Disney tickets as an early birthday gift.

17. Identify the rhetorical appeal used in the following sentence.

According to Bureau of Justice Statistician Rachel Morgan, violent crimes increased from 2018 to 2019.

- ☐ Appeal to *logos* ☐ Appeal to *ethos* ☐ Appeal to *pathos*

18. Draft a paragraph about your thoughts on adopting pets vs. purchasing from breeders. Make sure to incorporate each of the three rhetorical appeals.

19. Identify the rhetorical appeal used in the following statement.

My dentist recommended this particular brand of toothpaste.

- ☐ Appeal to *logos* ☐ Appeal to *pathos* ☐ Appeal to *ethos*

Lesson 5.6: Analyzing Rhetoric through Word Choice

20. Which words communicate a positive tone? Identify all that apply.

- ☐ strange ☐ tacky ☐ light-hearted ☐ passionate ☐ frazzled

21. Read the following passage. Identify the overall tone it expresses.

Parents should be cautious of how much screen time they allow their young children. Using phones and tablets as nothing more than a pacifier to resolve tantrums is a recipe for disaster. While handing a toddler an iPhone will stop them from crying, it will also create harmful dependencies and lead to future patterns of bad behavior. Parents: don't take the easy way out.

- ☐ Critical ☐ Encouraging ☐ Frantic

22. Read the following passage. Identify the sentence that spins the information in an inappropriately positive or negative way.

This year, our football team won two games and lost eleven. Many fans have stated that we underachieved and should have done much better given all the talent on our offensive and defensive line. Last year, we won just one game. So personally, I think we had a great year because we doubled our number of wins.

Lesson 5.7: Understanding the Basics of Logic

23. Identify the faulty premise that makes the following argument unsound.

All inland bodies of water contain saltwater.

Cayuga Lake is an inland body of water.

Therefore, Cayuga Lake contains saltwater.

24. Identify the type of logical reasoning used in the following argument.

All the scientists involved in the experiment received a Nobel Prize. Louis was one of the scientists involved in the experiment. Therefore, Louis received a Nobel Prize.

- ☐ Inductive ☐ Deductive

25. Read the following deductive argument. Identify the premise that is unrelated to the argument's conclusion.

All freshmen at Lakeview Community College must take pre-algebra. Rhoda is a freshman at Lakeview Community College this year. Rhoda has a part-time job at a grocery store a few miles away. Therefore, Rhoda must take pre-algebra.

Lesson 5.8: Recognizing Logical Fallacies

26. Identify the fallacy that matches the following definition.

A logically flawed argument that attacks a person's character or reputation instead of their claims

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| ☐ False authority fallacy | ☐ Devil words fallacy |
| ☐ Straw man fallacy | ☐ <i>Post hoc</i> fallacy |
| ☐ Hasty generalization fallacy | ☐ Bandwagon fallacy |
| ☐ <i>Ad hominem</i> fallacy | ☐ Appeal to tradition fallacy |

27. Based on the following scenario, what type of fallacy did Lexi use?

Instructor Rhymes' government class is giving presentations this week. During one student's presentation, Lexi argued against health care reform because middle class families would probably be forced out of their homes as a result.

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| ☐ Bandwagon fallacy | ☐ <i>Ad hominem</i> fallacy | ☐ Straw man fallacy | ☐ False authority fallacy |
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28. Read the following excerpt from a supplement company's blog post. Identify the sentence that provides the clearest example of a logical fallacy.

Our agency works to protect consumers with investigative reports; we hope you will find this information valuable. One of our top priorities is to examine the use of preservatives in store-bought food. After conducting two studies with five participants, we have determined that the following foods are dangerous and should be removed from every grocery store's shelves. After you read the list, please contact our agency if you have any questions.

Lesson 5.9: Evaluating Evidence

29. Identify the definition that matches the following term.

Credibility

- ☐ An argument based on the author's credibility
- ☐ What makes someone or something believable
- ☐ A person's opinions and preferences

30. Read the following passage. Identify the sentence that uses untrustworthy evidence.

Alternative energy sources—including wind, solar, and hydro power—have been utilized in many locations globally. Technology has advanced rapidly in the last twenty years, and there are now expansive ways to utilize alternative energy sources. A 1980 study shows that alternative energy resources might be too expensive to be a viable alternative to traditional energy. The topic of alternative energy resources continues to be of great interest to homeowners, consumers, and corporations.

31. Michael is analyzing the following source for nursing class. Identify the statement that indicates a problem with the source's relevance.

The source was published last year. It was written for an academic journal whose audience is composed of both graduate-level students and professionals. While it is scientifically sound, it does not discuss the nursing topic that Michael is researching.

Lesson 5.10: Analyzing Rhetoric through Visuals

32. Read the following image description. Identify the component that should be added in order to persuade viewers to go on a vacation.

A picture of a married couple arguing

- ☐ A second image of the couple sitting with a counselor
- ☐ A close-up photo of the couple's clasped hands
- ☐ A second image of the couple holding hands while walking on a beach

33. Read the following passage. Identify the image that makes an appeal to *ethos*.

Professor Patil showed her class three images. First, she showed a magazine advertisement for gluten-free pasta that featured a doctor in a lab coat wearing a nametag that read "Nutritionist." Then, she held up a newspaper ad for a five-star restaurant that featured a formally dressed couple gazing into each other's eyes. Finally, she showed an ad for a car wash, featuring a muddy car with a frowning face drawn on it.

34. Draft a paragraph reflecting on a time when you saw an image, video, commercial, or another visual that impacted you in some way. Make sure to note which rhetorical appeal(s) contributed to your reaction.

35. Based on the following scenario, which visual aspect is Viola evaluating?

Viola notices an image of a mouse in a lab cage in her biology textbook. She considers how the image establishes an emotional connection in the audience.

- ☐ Composition
- ☐ Argument
- ☐ Purpose

Lesson 5.11: Analyzing and Interpreting Literature

36. Read the first paragraph of Edgar Allen Poe's short story "The Gold-Bug." Then, write a paragraph analyzing Poe's use of description to establish setting. What is the tone of this passage? How does the narrator seem to feel about the setting based on the way he describes Sullivan's Island?

Many years ago, I contracted an intimacy with a Mr. William Legrand. He was of an ancient Huguenot family, and had once been wealthy; but a series of misfortunes had reduced him to want. To avoid the mortification consequent upon his disasters, he left New Orleans, the city of his forefathers, and took up his residence at Sullivan's Island, near Charleston, South Carolina. This Island is a very singular one. It consists of little else than the sea sand, and is about three miles long. Its breadth at no point exceeds a quarter of a mile. It is separated from the main land by a scarcely perceptible creek, oozing its way through a wilderness of reeds and slime, a favorite resort of the marsh hen. The vegetation, as might be supposed, is scant, or at least dwarfish. No trees of any magnitude are to be seen. Near the western extremity, where Fort Moultrie stands, and where are some miserable frame buildings, tenanted, during summer, by the fugitives from Charleston dust and fever, may be found, indeed, the bristly palmetto; but the whole island, with the exception of this western point, and a line of hard, white beach on the seacoast, is covered with a dense undergrowth of the sweet myrtle, so much prized by the horticulturists of England. The shrub here often attains the height of fifteen or twenty feet, and forms an almost impenetrable coppice, burthening the air with its fragrance.

37. Read the following excerpt from Nathaniel Hawthorne's *The Scarlet Letter*. Identify the point of view Hawthorne uses.

The young pastor's voice was tremulously sweet, rich, deep, and broken. The feeling that it so evidently manifested, rather than the direct purport of the words, caused it to vibrate within all hearts, and brought the listeners into one accord of sympathy. Even the poor baby, at Hester's bosom, was affected by the same influence; for it directed its hitherto vacant gaze towards Mr. Dimmesdale, and held up its little arms, with a half-pleased, half-plaintive murmur. So powerful seemed the minister's appeal, that the people could not believe but that Hester Prynne would speak out the guilty name; or else that the guilty one himself, in whatever high or lowly place he stood, would be drawn forth by an inward and inevitable necessity, and compelled to ascend to the scaffold.

- ☐ First-person point of view
- ☐ Second-person point of view
- ☐ Third-person limited point of view
- ☐ Third-person omniscient point of view

38. Read William Henry Davies' poem "The Bell." Identify the form of this poem.

The Bell

By William Henry Davies

It is the bell of death I hear,
Which tells me my own time is near,
When I must join those quiet souls
Where nothing lives but worms and moles;
And not come through the grass again,
Like worms and moles, for breath or rain;
Yet let none weep when my life's through,
For I myself have wept for few.

The only things that knew me well
Were children, dogs, and girls that fell;
I bought poor children cakes and sweets,
Dogs heard my voice and danced the streets;
And, gentle to a fallen lass,
I made her weep for what she was.
Good men and women know not me.
Nor love nor hate the mystery.

- ☐ Open form
- ☐ Closed form
- ☐ Prose

39. Identify the type of figurative language used in the following quotation from Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet*.

"But soft, what light through yonder window breaks? It is the east, and Juliet is the sun!"

- ☐ Personification
- ☐ Smile
- ☐ Metaphor

Chapter 6 Exercises

Lesson 6.1: Understanding an Argument

1. Consider the following scenario. Identify whether the situation represents a quarrel or an argument.

Zedd wants to convince his friend Nina to donate to diabetes research since his father died of the disease. Not only does Zedd tell Nina his father's story, but he also provides statistics about the disease to emphasize the importance of donating to medical treatment research.

- ☐ This scenario represents a quarrel.
☐ This scenario represents an argument.

2. Read the following passage. Identify the type of evidence used.

In the 1980s and before, there weren't many FDA-approved ADHD medications for children, but they increased rapidly in the 1990s after the introduction of long-acting formulations. Still, my doctor prescribed me Cylert. In college, I was surprised to learn that I could have developed liver failure as a result of taking the drug. That was when I began researching holistic alternatives to medication.

- ☐ Description ☐ Anecdote ☐ Expert analysis

3. Read the following passage. Identify the type of evidence used.

Dr. Millie Simpson has completed award-winning research over the years on character similarities among twins and triplets. Recently, Dr. Simpson found that an identical twin is more likely to sleepwalk if their twin is also a sleepwalker.

- ☐ Description ☐ Anecdote ☐ Expert analysis

Lesson 6.2: Considering Purpose and Audience

4. Imagine that you've been tasked with a writing assignment. Your writing purpose is to argue your viewpoint, and the context is a formal, academic essay. Which writing strategy is most fitting for the purpose and context?

- ☐ Writing to your family as the audience.
☐ Developing an informal voice.
☐ Establishing your claim clearly and concisely within the first paragraph.

5. Consider the following scenario. Identify the purpose of this task.

Before a class discussion can take place, your English professor has asked everyone to write out their thoughts and reactions to the short story "A Rose for Emily" by William Faulkner that was assigned for homework.

- ☐ To persuade ☐ To inform ☐ To respond

6. Read the following writing assignment prompt. Identify the sentence that specifies the audience of this assignment.

Your final presentation should explore the reasons why our city should eliminate the existing curfew for teenagers between the ages of fifteen and eighteen. Because you've brainstormed and researched this topic already, it should make your composition process easier. Make sure you write to state representatives and acknowledge their expertise through your use of formal, factual language. Feel free to add any images you'd like, and use 12-point Times New Roman font.

Lesson 6.3: Recognizing Constraints

7. Ike is writing a historical report about the Battle of Gettysburg, and his purpose is to inform the audience. What information fits within the constraints of his writing situation? Identify all that apply.
- ☐ A discussion of key events that occurred leading up to the battle and during it
 - ☐ A description of the Battle of Antietam, another famous Civil War battle
 - ☐ An explanation of why the battle is considered a turning point in the Civil War
 - ☐ An argument about the modern symbolism of the Confederate flag
8. Identify the type of constraint described in the following scenario.
- Carmen knew that her presentation might take place in a large room full of two hundred people, so she brought her own microphone in case it was necessary.
- ☐ Audience constraints ☐ Situational constraints ☐ Delivery constraints
9. Identify the type of constraint described in the following scenario.
- Kenny was planning to write his essay arguing for looser gun laws, but a few days ago, a shooting took place at a nearby high school. Now, he's not sure whether his topic is appropriate in light of the incident.
- ☐ Audience constraints ☐ Situational constraints ☐ Delivery constraints

Lesson 6.4: Employing Rhetorical Appeals

10. Read the following passage. Identify the sentence that makes an appeal to *logos*.

Some individuals believe that increasing the legal drinking age would reduce drunk driving accidents. However, regardless of the legal age limit, underage drinking will likely remain a formidable problem. According to a recent survey, 74% of two thousand young adults between the ages of thirteen and twenty feel as though average underage alcohol consumption would not fluctuate even if the legal drinking age was changed.

11. Identify the argument that establishes an *ethos*-based argument.
- ☐ A campus speech code should be implemented based on the number of incidents of hate speech-induced violence over the last year.
 - ☐ LeBron James is equally important to the NBA as Michael Jordan based on the testimony of a professional basketball player and two sports journalists.
 - ☐ Early childhood care should be provided for all parents at no cost to give every child a chance to succeed and foster learning in the formative years.
12. Consider the following scenario. Identify the sentence that appeals to *pathos*.
- Ms. Greene is giving a tour of her farm to elementary school students. She knows that children can be afraid of large animals and easily excited, so she speaks in a quiet voice and takes them for a walk around the garden before visiting the animals. She also shares her background as a lifelong agriculturalist and her successes in the farming industry.
13. Read the following statement. Identify the strategy Fred has used to establish an appeal to *ethos*.
- In an essay about environmental stewardship, Fred avoids over-simplifying the issue by discussing common barriers that interfere with some people's understanding of environmental changes and threats.
- ☐ Recognizing the complexity of an issue
 - ☐ Conveying knowledgeability
 - ☐ Demonstrating fair judgment

Lesson 6.5: Using Consistent Tone

14. Write a brief paragraph describing your day so far. Through careful word choice, establish a positive tone (even if your day has not necessarily been positive). Highlight or underline the positive words in your paragraph.
15. Identify the tone that would be most appropriate for a research paper on the life cycle of Asian beetles.
- ☐ Positive ☐ Negative ☐ Neutral
16. Read the following passage. Identify the sentence with an inconsistent tone from the rest of the paragraph.

Brian Doyle was a Catholic writer from Oregon who had written many books across a variety of genres, including fiction, essay, and poetry. He had an ability to meld writing on nature and faith that both reflected his faith and remained accessible to a broad reading audience. He also pushed grammatical boundaries by working with run-on sentences that lacked punctuation. During his lifetime, most people ignored him and refused to give him the recognition he deserved.

Lesson 6.6: Choosing the Right Words

17. Read the following incomplete sentence. Identify the word group that is the most concise option to fill in the blank.

My _____ went one hour over the allotted time.

- ☐ study group that dissects national impacts of ethics
- ☐ meeting in a classroom with scenarios about ethics
- ☐ ethics class
18. Read the following sentence. Identify the jargon that may confuse an audience without medical experience.
- After cutting his foot, Jonah developed severe sepsis and needed to receive treatment right away.
19. Read the following sentence. Identify the revised version that is both concise and true to the original meaning.

The budding artist is a hard worker who practices drawing mostly every day and is always becoming better, it seems.

- ☐ The artist is clearly budding because she works hard and improves almost daily as a result of practicing her drawing.
- ☐ The budding artist works hard and practices drawing almost daily.
- ☐ The budding artist is one who practices hard and works on drawing pretty much daily.

Lesson 6.7: Using Word and Sentence Variety

20. Read the following sentence. Identify the word that is *not* an effective synonym for *weak*.

Having just turned eighty-three, Janice felt weak most days, even after brief excursions.

- ☐ formal ☐ infirm ☐ feeble ☐ frail

21. Read the following sentences. Identify the revised version that correctly combines these sentences with a semicolon.

Missy felt most energized and invigorated when she visited New York City. Having grown up in the countryside, she felt that the city was full of excitement and activity.

- ☐ Missy felt most energized and invigorated when she visited New York City, and having grown up in the countryside, she felt that the city was full of excitement and activity.
- ☐ Missy felt most energized and invigorated when she visited New York City; having grown up in the countryside, she felt that the city was full of excitement and activity.
- ☐ Missy felt most energized and invigorated when she visited New York City, and having grown up in the countryside; she felt that the city was full of excitement and activity.

22. Identify the best synonym for the following word.

looked

- ☐ sped ☐ peered ☐ ignored ☐ stated

23. Read the following passage. Identify the sentence that uses an introductory adjective to add variety.

Zion spent all night studying for his physics final exam. Exhausted, he headed into the testing center at 8:00 a.m. He was so tired that by the end, he wasn't sure how he did. All he wanted to do was go back to his comfortable bed, but instead he trudged to his next class.

Lesson 6.8: Polishing an Argument

24. Read the following passage. Identify the sentence that has an inconsistent tone from the rest of the passage.

You should have seen that cat scurry across the room! He was so startled that I thought he might leap to the ceiling. He was fine, and we ended up laughing about it. Research has in fact shown that feline psychologies are more susceptible to apprehension than humans.

25. Read the following passage. Identify the verb that uses a different tense from the rest of the passage.

Recycling more will reduce pollution, and it will also reduce the average daily household waste. Commercial waste was a significant factor in the growth of landfills. Still, improving our personal recycling habits will be an important part of protecting the earth from pollution for years to come.

26. Rewrite the following passage, correcting the point of view inconsistencies so that the passage uses only third-person point of view.

The travelers took a bus, but we got off at the wrong stop. Fortunately, we weren't far from our destination, so they walked the rest of the way. In the heart of the city, colorful banners were draped across the street to provide shade. As our group navigated the bustling streets, vendors offered them delicious food, and musicians seemed to be on every corner.

Lesson 6.9: Responding Critically to Literature

27. Read the following literary response excerpt. Identify the sentence that includes the counterargument/rebuttal.

The characters in Charles Dickens' *Great Expectations* have unique expectations that influence how they measure success and fulfillment. Given that the novel is set in nineteenth-century England, when the Industrial Revolution was beginning, there is a fresh obsession with socioeconomic status and the growing separation of classes. It appears as though every character has a goal or status they are working toward except Joe. Joe is generally portrayed, by his outward actions, as a character who is content. Some critics agree with this surface-level assumption that Joe is satisfied with his life, social status, class standing, and the success of everyone around him; however, through analyzing Joe's dialogue, interactions, and narration from Pip's point of view, Joe's character is not so satisfied. Joe's character throughout *Great Expectations* illustrates his true dissatisfaction with his own social class and the social hierarchy of nineteenth-century England in general.

28. Read the following excerpt from Alice Walker's novel *The Third Life of Grange Copeland*. Then, write two to three sentences analyzing Walker's use of diction. What can you infer about Brownfield's feelings toward his mother based on the language?

His mother smiled at Brownfield, one of her rare sudden smiles that lit up her smooth, heart-shaped face. Her skin was a rich brown with a creamy reddish sheen. Her teeth were small and regular and her breath was always sweet with a milky cleanness. Brownfield had hands like hers, long, thin, aristocratic hands, with fingers meant for jewels. His mother had no wedding ring, however. (Walker 4)

29. Which form of literary criticism focuses on exploring the unconscious anxieties, desires, and thoughts of the characters and/or author as indicated through symbols and other literary elements?
- ☐ Gender/queer criticism
 - ☐ Psychoanalytic criticism
 - ☐ Postcolonial criticism
 - ☐ Critical race theory
30. Think of the last book you read for school, work, or in your personal life. Write two to three sentences describing its genre and overall theme(s). Be sure to provide reasoning and support for why you feel it aligns with the conventions of that genre/theme.

Chapter 7 Exercises

Lesson 7.1: Basics of Information Literacy

1. Consider the following scenario. Then, identify the student with the strongest information literacy skills.

For film class, Sohla, Jacob, and Ali have just been assigned an essay about the *Kill Bill* series. Sohla immediately starts her first draft since she's already seen two of the movies. Jacob asks his sister, who took the same class two years ago, for a copy of her old essay to use as a basis for his own. Ali begins brainstorming the types of sources she should consult as well as criteria for evaluating the accuracy and credibility of these sources.

- ☐ Sohla is demonstrating the strongest information literacy skills.
 - ☐ Jacob is demonstrating the strongest information literacy skills.
 - ☐ Ali is demonstrating the strongest information literacy skills.
2. Imagine that you spilled coffee on your laptop, and it seems to be broken. You want to know if it can be fixed, and if so, how to fix it yourself. Which sources could you consult to find relevant information? Identify all that apply.
 - ☐ The laptop's user manual
 - ☐ A BuzzFeed article on the five best laptops of 2020
 - ☐ At-home laptop repair YouTube videos
 - ☐ A print journal article about laptop prototypes

3. Read the following incomplete sentence. Identify the word that should fill in the blank.

To evaluate the _____ of a source, you need to know whether the information is correct.

- ☐ credibility
- ☐ relevance
- ☐ accuracy

Lesson 7.2: Understanding the Research Paper

4. Identify whether the following sentence uses a quotation, paraphrase, or summary.

According to the marine organism research data, "Microplastics were recorded in 95% of sampled fish, with more than one microplastic item found in around 80% of the examined specimens" (Pellini et al., 2018).

- ☐ Summary
 - ☐ Quotation
 - ☐ Paraphrase
5. Consider the following scenario. Identify the sentence that indicates plagiarism.

Jaylen has paraphrased a passage from his textbook for an economics research essay. He included a correctly formatted APA parenthetical citation for the source. He changed one or two words so that it wasn't identical to the original.
 6. Petra is writing an analysis essay on the use of fairy tales in the musical *Into the Woods*. Which sources would be most helpful for her essay? Identify all that apply.
 - ☐ A book by Steven Sondheim, who wrote the music and lyrics for *Into the Woods*
 - ☐ Student-written program notes from a high school production of *Into the Woods*
 - ☐ A scholarly article about themes in fairy tales and fables

Lesson 7.3: Planning and Tracking Your Research

7. Identify the scholarly source in the following list.

- ☐ An article from the *International Journal of Cardiovascular Research*
- ☐ A friend's testimonial from his experience working in a multilevel marketing organization
- ☐ An article in *People* magazine about how exercising like Jennifer Lopez reduces your risk of heart disease

8. Consider the following scenario. Identify the sentence that illustrates the use of a secondary source.

Larissa's essay about Maya Angelou included several citations from Angelou's book *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*. Larissa further established her point with a quotation from a critical analysis of Angelou's work that was published by a creative writing professor at Stanford University. Moreover, Larissa cited several comments Angelou made during a TV interview with Oprah Winfrey after her appearance at President Obama's inauguration in 2009.

9. What are the best places to find information on the following narrowed topic? Identify all that apply.

The history of the electoral college and how its implementation has evolved

- ☐ The library
- ☐ Online research databases
- ☐ An opinion poll
- ☐ Academic journals

Lesson 7.4: Identifying Types of Sources

10. Consider the following scenario. Identify the sentence that illustrates the use of a popular source.

Tray wrote an essay on the COVID-19 pandemic after interviewing someone whose brother had passed away at age thirty from the disease. Tray had also watched several recent news reports on TV about measures to slow the virus's spread. Lastly, he read a peer-reviewed article about the novel coronavirus in the *Virology Journal*.

11. Write a brief paragraph that compares and contrasts the benefits of popular and scholarly sources. Address the topics and writing purposes that are appropriate for each source type.
12. For her English essay, Parker wants a source that has been peer-reviewed by literature experts. Based on this information, which type of source should she use?
- ☐ A scholarly source
 - ☐ A magazine article
 - ☐ A newspaper opinion article

Lesson 7.5: Evaluating the Credibility of Sources

13. Imagine you're researching urban housing statistics in America. Identify the person who would have the most authority on this topic.
- ☐ Eric Genrich, mayor of Green Bay, Wisconsin, son of a famous architect
 - ☐ Ben Carson, Secretary of U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD)
 - ☐ Hollis Kramer, installation artist with a focus on urban design

14. Consider the following scenario. Which sources are credible? Identify all that apply.

Florie is starting a research project on teen drug use, and she plans to use three sources in her paper:

Source 1 is a peer-reviewed article published last June in a scholarly psychology journal.

Source 2 is an interview that Florie conducted with her friend Caroline, who has watched a popular Netflix series about drug abuse.

Source 3 is a documentary film produced by the National Federation of Drug and Alcohol Abuse that explains the physical and mental effects of drug abuse on young adults.

- ☐ Source 1
- ☐ Source 2
- ☐ Source 3
15. Identify the credible source for an academic essay about a new drug for treating headaches.
- ☐ The pharmaceutical company that manufactures the drug
- ☐ A chemistry professor with expertise and credentials in the pharmaceutical field
- ☐ An advertising executive who has produced commercials promoting the drug

Lesson 7.6: Understanding and Avoiding Plagiarism

16. Read the following passage. Identify the sentence that uses an MLA in-text citation.

In *War at Sea in the Age of Sail*, Andrew Lambert traces the development of ships and naval warfare. He indicates that the last great battle of the sailing era was during the Greek revolution against Turkey. Lambert describes the early steamships as a “strange hybrid with a screw propeller” (213).

17. Why is the following paraphrase an example of plagiarism?

Veterinarians agree that pit bulls are just as affectionate as any other dog (12).

- ☐ It should provide the page numbers where this information is found in the original source.
- ☐ It should provide the author’s name in a signal phrase or in-text citation.
- ☐ It should indicate the original source’s publication month in a signal phrase.
18. Read the following sentence. Fill in the triangle to indicate where an MLA-style parenthetical citation should be placed.

Renowned philosopher Susan Monroe △ explains that △ “consciousness is more than just biological processes but perhaps less important to human action than many of us assume” △. △

Lesson 7.7: Integrating Sources into Your Writing

19. Consider the following scenario. Then, identify the correct MLA citation Neil should use.

Neil is writing an essay for his psychology course. He is going to directly **quote** the source he has found. Here is the excerpt he is citing from page 213 of a book by Jermaine Mendez:

“We rarely stop to consider how amazing our basic perceptions of the world are.”

- ☐ Jermaine Mendez discusses how we often don’t understand or appreciate the ways in which we view the world (213).
- ☐ It’s strange how we often disregard perception as why we see things differently. (213)
- ☐ While explaining how perspective works, Jermaine Mendez marvels at how “we rarely stop to consider how amazing our basic perceptions of the world are” (213).

20. When summarizing a source in MLA style, a writer should do which of the following? Identify all that apply.
- ☐ Use as many of the original source's words as possible without quoting them.
 - ☐ Condense the source information to a main idea and explain it using original language.
 - ☐ Include the author's name and page number (if applicable) in an in-text citation.
21. Identify the source integration method used in the following citation.
- It is noted that a United Nations panel, formed to address such possibilities, delivered a statement positing that carbon emissions have already passed the point of no return and that human society as we have known it will very likely collapse within thirty years (Williams 87).
- ☐ Paraphrasing
 - ☐ Quoting
 - ☐ Summarizing

Lesson 7.8: The Annotated Bibliography

22. Read the following excerpt from an annotated bibliography. Identify the true statement about this excerpt.
- This essay is an excellent primary source for my argument to increase federal oversight in privately run prisons. I plan to quote the author's definition of the prison-industrial complex in my introduction. This article will be the main source of evidence for my paper.
- ☐ This excerpt describes the source.
 - ☐ This excerpt evaluates the source.
23. The following sentence is from an annotated bibliography. Identify whether it describes or evaluates the source.
- The author of this article explores the potential effects of climate change on weather patterns in more depth and detail than any other sources I consulted.
- ☐ Describes
 - ☐ Evaluates
24. Read the following excerpt from an annotated bibliography. Identify the sentence that evaluates the source.
- Alexandra Koulat's *Eyewitness* chronicles the post-Soviet development of Kosovo and its struggle to emerge as an independent culture. Koulat provides details and firsthand information based on multiple interviews with people about their economic struggles, cultural identity, and daily lives. As a photojournalist for National Geographic, Koulat's experience gives her an eye for human interaction and unique details that could make this an excellent source for sociological, geopolitical, and anthropological research.

Lesson 7.9: Basics of MLA Style

25. Identify the sentence with a correct MLA in-text citation.
- ☐ The results of the study, however, could be interpreted positively, according to lead researcher Melanie Markle (Jackson et al. 155).
 - ☐ The results of the study, however, could be interpreted positively, according to lead researcher Melanie Markle -- Jackson, et al. 155
 - ☐ The results of the study, however, could be interpreted positively, according to lead researcher Melanie Markle (by Jackson, et al. 155).

26. Read the following passage and identify the sentence that correctly **quotes** it.

A lack of diversity in public service roles, such as law enforcement, often leads to growing tensions between officers and the people they are meant to serve and protect. As systemic racism is continually exposed, American communities must build new institutions that promote justice and equality.

- ☐ Socioeconomic differences between police officers and their communities have resulted in a dangerous level of mistrust on both sides (Levine 22).
 - ☐ Levine argues that the root cause of these growing tensions is “a lack of diversity in public service roles, such as law enforcement” (22).
27. Read the following passage. Which sentences use correct in-text citations? Identify all that apply.
- Williams illustrates that, in repeated trials, butter is an ineffective substitute for gunpowder (Williams p46). Stevens proves this theory is true in multiple experiments (320). However, in her 2018 book, Higgins states that “whoever believed gunpowder and butter could function the same way should have never been given a chemistry degree” (253).

Lesson 7.10: Basics of APA Style

28. Identify the sentence that contains a correct APA narrative citation.
- ☐ Heimish argued that nanotechnology could revolutionize modern surgical procedures (2018).
 - ☐ Latish stated, “Nanotechnology could turn heart bypass surgery into a routine outpatient procedure” (2017) (p.245).
 - ☐ Messenger (2019) maintained that “we are on the very brink of a nanotechnology revolution” (para. 14).
 - ☐ Smith and Redkins (et al.) argued that the benefits of artificial intelligence far outweigh the theoretical dangers.
29. Read the following source details. Then, write the correct APA reference page entry for this source.

Source type: book

Title: The Psychology of Social Media

Author: Ciaran McMahon

Publication date: 2019

Publisher information: Routledge

Page range cited: 201–212

30. Read the following sentence. Fill in the triangle to indicate where the publication date should be inserted, according to APA style.

Cal DeSoto Δ , in his definitive study on agriculture in the U.S. Δ , found that the Farm Bill is actually detrimental to some harvesting operations. Δ

Lesson 7.11: Basics of CMS

31. The following CMS in-text citation uses the author-date method to cite a website updated in July 2019 with no known author. Is this citation written correctly?

As the article "Snowball Earth" on the website *TheoryPress* explains, "The snowball theory posits that approximately 850 million years ago, Earth was once a massive snowball floating in space and only menially warmed by a dim sun" (2019).

- ☐ Yes, this in-text citation is written correctly.
☐ No, this in-text citation is written incorrectly.

32. Read the following CMS bibliographic citation. Identify the part that references the book's publisher.

McCarten, Anthony. *Darkest Hour: How Churchill Brought England Back from the Brink*. New York: HarperCollins, 2017.

33. Read the following sentence from a CMS notes-and-bibliography essay. Fill in the triangle where the superscript number should be inserted to direct readers to the corresponding footnote.

△"You have enemies? Good. That means you've stood up for something, sometime in your life,"△ claimed Winston Churchill.△

Lesson 7.12: Basics of CSE Style

34. Identify the CSE citation system used in the following reference entry.

Turner GG, Reeder DM. 2009. Update of white nose syndrome in bats. *Bat Res News*. 50:47–52.

- ☐ Name-year
☐ Citation-sequence
☐ Citation-name

35. Read the following CSE name-year reference entry for a journal article. Which parts of the reference would appear in an in-text citation? Identify all that apply.

Hammond C. 2016. Genes: a natural molecular pathway processing system. *Oxford Journal of Genetics*. 94(3):705–711.

36. Consider the following template for referencing a book in CSE citation-sequence style. Fill in the triangle to identify where the year of publication belongs.

Author's Last Name Initials. △Title of source. Edition. △ Publisher Location: Publisher; △ Pages or location. △

Chapter 8 Exercises

Lesson 8.1: Writing across the Disciplines

1. Consider the following scenario. Identify the sentence that reveals circumstances or details that could indicate bias.

Iris is writing an article that will be reviewed by a committee associated with an industry journal. The committee review serves as a means of accountability that Iris appreciates. Still, she is concerned that this committee might assume her political viewpoints and initiatives could influence her findings. Therefore, she is careful to choose neutral words, details, and information in order to convey her points accurately and impartially.

2. Consider the following scenario. Identify the sentence that indicates the purpose of the business writing task.

Mia wrote an e-mail with a personable and positive tone. She avoided using emoticons and informal language. This e-mail, which was intended for her supervisor, summarized her weekly work. Mia proofread the e-mail before sending and cc'd the payroll assistant.

3. Identify the writing strategy that would best help Sanjay complete an informative research paper for his medieval history class.

- ☐ Incorporate primary and secondary source information
- ☐ Provide the audience with recommendations for next steps
- ☐ Include thorough analysis of test results

4. Read the following passage. Identify the sentence that indicates this report's bias.

In a 2019 research trial, 68% of study participants showed significantly faster positive responses to ProTecta Pediatussin than any other cough syrup. ProTecta Pharmaceutical, the producer of the medicine, funded the study to find the most effective cough suppressant for patients six months to five years old. The study included three hundred participants who were randomly assigned one of four different cough medicines for a period of seventy-two hours. All participants showed signs of fever at the time the dosages were administered.

Lesson 8.2: Visual and Digital Arguments

5. Read the following description of a visual argument. Identify the statement that accurately sums up the argument's claim.

An ad shows a young man wearing a graduation cap and a worried expression. He knocks with both fists at a door labeled "Employment" that has ten different padlocks on the other side.

- ☐ Even for college graduates, the job market is difficult to enter.
- ☐ This is a comment on the value of a college degree.
- ☐ The graduation cap suggests the man has a degree, and the employment sign represents the job market.

6. Read the following description of a visual argument and identify the dominant rhetorical appeal it uses.

An online ad for a winery features a full-length color photo of a wine bottle. In the background is a hazy, light purple silhouette of the Eiffel Tower and a couple dancing underneath it. The winery's name, "Vin de Fantaisie," is written in cursive at the top of the ad. In the bottom right corner, there is a small text box with price and purchase locations. Soft violin music plays in the background of the ad.

- ☐ Appeal to *ethos*
- ☐ Appeal to *pathos*
- ☐ Appeal to *logos*

7. Review the following visual. Then, write a few sentences summarizing its argument in your own words.



8. Which questions are most helpful to consider when analyzing a visual argument? Identify all that apply.

- ☐ What type of camera captured the image?
- ☐ Which parts of the visual are most emphasized, and why?
- ☐ Is this visual copyrighted?
- ☐ What message does the author of this visual want to send the audience, and why?
- ☐ What time of year was this visual created?

Lesson 8.3: Oral Presentations

9. Read the following description of an oral presentation. Then, identify the most accurate evaluation of the presentation.

Jesse begins by introducing himself and welcoming the audience. He then divulges his main idea and declares his purpose for the talk. After clarifying why he is speaking, he provides a list of facts and figures, citing many sources but avoiding transitions or logical connections between thoughts so he can fit everything in the allotted time.

- ☐ Jesse needed a better organizational structure for his speech so that the audience could more easily follow the progression of his ideas.
 - ☐ Jesse needed to provide more examples and personal anecdotes in order to be persuasive.
 - ☐ Jesse put together a highly organized, tightly structured speech.
 - ☐ Jesse needed to be friendlier and more personable toward the audience in order to establish his credibility at the beginning.
10. Kassie is going to deliver a presentation to high school students on the following topic: aromatherapy benefits. Identify the strategy that would most effectively engage her audience.
- ☐ Distributing swabs dipped in different essential oils and asking the audience to identify them
 - ☐ Distributing copies of complicated charts that compare mainstream essential oils
 - ☐ Showing an hour-long video of an interview with a massage therapist explaining how he uses the oils

11. Read the following description of a presentation. Which sentences include examples of effective nonverbal signals? Identify all that apply.

Grady greeted the class and introduced the topic: growing organic tomatoes. He flattened his palms together and made slicing motions in the air while discussing the seven steps for successful tomato cultivation. Grady described several different variations of organic tomatoes and characteristics of each type. He waved his hands in alternating circular motions while discussing crop rotation. Finally, Grady distributed small paper cups with homegrown tomato wedges for the audience to sample.

12. Read the following presentation excerpt. Identify the sentence that makes an appeal to *ethos*.

"I'm Janine Brown, the senior IT coordinator for DynaTech, and I've been designing sales websites for the last twelve years. In this morning's session, we will review the features on your company's new website. I understand you all have some concerns about the learning curve of navigating a new site, which is perfectly understandable. However, the updated version will ultimately save time and effort for you and your prospective clients. Let me see a show of hands; how many of you have already tried to navigate the new website?"

Lesson 8.4: Etiquette in Social Media

13. Consider the following scenario. Then, identify whether Leena's action is appropriate or inappropriate according to social media etiquette.

Leena posts a picture on her Instagram story of her friends at a house party without asking them if they approved of the image.

- ☐ This is appropriate social media etiquette.
- ☐ This is inappropriate social media etiquette.

14. Read the following description of an online interaction. Then, identify the best response to this situation.

Celine's English class is required to read a short story and post a response on their class discussion board. She has just finished reading the short story and has clear opinions about it. Before she writes her own response, she notices another classmate's recent post that she disagrees with strongly.

- ☐ Celine should take a zero for this assignment in order to avoid confrontation; hopefully next week's readings won't be as controversial.
- ☐ Celine should politely present her side of the issue and include specific examples from the short story to support her claims.
- ☐ Celine should confront the student who upset her and prove that she has a better grasp on the class material than the other students.

15. Consider the following scenario. Then, identify the best response to Pablo's use of social media.

Pablo had a great night hanging out with his friend Thomas at the nightclub on Main Street. He took several pictures of the two of them acting wild and enjoying the weekend. Pablo posts the funniest pictures on Snapchat and waits eagerly for Thomas's reaction.

- ☐ People should avoid posting on social media altogether because it just leads to trouble and misunderstandings.
- ☐ This is perfectly safe and acceptable behavior given the prominence of social media today.
- ☐ Pablo should be more careful about what he posts on social media because it could give potential employers a negative impression.

16. Consider the following scenario. Then, identify the response that best follows social media etiquette.
- One of Charlie's classmates makes a derogatory discussion board post about the female author of a novel the class is reading.
- ☐ Charlie should start a new thread dedicated to making fun of the student in question and his inability to appreciate great authors.
 - ☐ Charlie should reply to the post and say that men like him are just bitter towards women in general.
 - ☐ Charlie should suggest that what matters is the content of the book, not the gender of the author, and steer the conversation back on topic.

Lesson 8.5: Technical Writing

17. Which documents are examples of technical writing? Identify all that apply.
- ☐ Mattress commercial script ☐ User manual for a hairdryer ☐ Reflection essay ☐ Lab report
18. Identify the best example of effective technical writing for a step-by-step process.
- ☐ Add batteries, turn on TV, go to Device Pairing, then click Pair This Remote.
 - ☐ First, you will need to buy a pack of AAA batteries and insert three of them into your new remote. Then, press the small red power button at the top of the remote and ensure that it successfully turns on the TV. Next, use the remote to navigate the home screen of the TV and click on the section called "Device Pairing." From there, click "Search for Devices" and make sure that you bring the remote close enough for the TV to recognize it. Last, click "Pair This Remote" and you're all finished.
 - ☐ To pair your new remote with TV:
 - Insert 3 AAA batteries into remote
 - Press power button to turn TV on
 - Navigate to Home > Device Pairing > Search for Devices
 - Hold remote near TV and select "Pair this Remote"
19. What are some characteristics of effective technical writing? Identify all that apply.
- ☐ Vivid language and eloquent sentence structure
- ☐ Clear, easy-to-read formatting
- ☐ Concise summary of complex processes or instructions
- ☐ Creative descriptions and figurative language
20. Pick any household task you are familiar with. Then, write instructions for completing that task in the following space. Make sure you use language and formatting that aligns with proper technical writing standards.

Lesson 8.6: Professional Writing

21. Which documents are examples of professional writing? Identify all that apply.
- ☐ Analysis essay for English class
- ☐ Personal journal entry
- ☐ Cover letter
- ☐ E-mail to a human resources manager

22. Identify the strongest e-mail subject line.

- ☐ The report is attached to this e-mail; please review it before Thursday's meeting.
- ☐ a report
- ☐ Pre-Meeting Report
- ☐ (No Subject)
- ☐ review this pre-meeting report please

23. Which components belong in a résumé? Identify all that apply.

- ☐ List of references
- ☐ Your full name and contact information
- ☐ Reverse-chronological job history (beginning with present or most recent job)
- ☐ Chronological job history (beginning with your first job)
- ☐ Education history

24. Read the following weak e-mail example. Then, rewrite it in the following space, making sure to improve the language and demonstrate strong professional writing skills.

To: Philip Zedd

From: Lesly Indra

Subject Line: job?

Hey Philip! I noticed an opening at your company and I'd really like to apply for it. Let me know who I should talk to about this I think I would be a perfect fit for this job honestly!! I can send you my resume if you want. Thanks, Lesly

Lesson 8.7: Multimedia Projects

25. Consider the following scenario. Then, identify the student who is practicing effective multimedia design.

Dr. Parson has assigned her marketing class a multimedia project, and three of her students are working in the library:

Anais is completing a different class assignment; he feels that the multimedia project will be easy to create the day before it's due.

Kam has chosen a topic and is now creating a storyboard to map out his multimedia project.

Haley is copying and pasting links to YouTube videos into her presentation without citing them since it's a multimedia project, not a research paper.

- ☐ Anais is practicing effective multimedia design.
 - ☐ Kam is practicing effective multimedia design.
 - ☐ Haley is practicing effective multimedia design.
26. Imagine you've been tasked with creating a multimedia project about Steve Jobs and his Apple legacy. In the following space, write two to three sentences brainstorming the presentation format, information, and media types that would best help you create an effective multimedia presentation.
27. Identify the strongest example of a multimedia project.
- ☐ Video footage of a presidential inauguration
 - ☐ Slideshow of product images with background music playing
 - ☐ Printed research paper that includes charts and tables
28. Identify the true statement about multimedia projects.
- ☐ You can incorporate any external resources into your project as long as you don't take credit for the material.
 - ☐ Multimedia projects take less time to develop than other assignments, like written academic essays.
 - ☐ It's best to develop multimedia projects in steps, just like you would for a written essay.

Lesson 8.8: Thinking Critically about Pop Culture

29. Identify the correct description of a washing machine's practical value.
- ☐ How the washing machine improves your social life
 - ☐ How well the washing machine cleans clothes
 - ☐ How much the washing machine will impress people
30. What target audience(s) would an advertiser consider you to be part of? In the following space, list several traits of the consumer group to which you might belong.
31. Which questions are most helpful to ask when analyzing a movie? Identify all that apply.
- ☐ How long is the movie?
 - ☐ What conflicts do the characters encounter?
 - ☐ What genre(s) does this movie align with?
 - ☐ Does the movie seem to express social or political messages?
 - ☐ Have the actors starred in any other roles?
32. Identify the strongest thesis statement for a video game analysis.
- ☐ In this analysis essay, I will explore two original, classic video games: *Pac-Man* and *Tetris*.
 - ☐ While video games have drastically evolved over the last few decades, a critical analysis of early games—like *Pac-Man* and *Tetris*—proves that simplicity and ease of use are at the heart of fan-favorite games.
 - ☐ According to Jennifer Rosenberg, "To this day, *Pac-Man* remains one of the most popular video games in history" (2020).

Chapter 9 Exercises

Lesson 9.1: Parts of Speech

1. Identify the transitive verb in the following sentence.

Please bring the coffee to the conference room as soon as it is brewed.

2. Read the following paragraph. Identify the pair of correlative conjunctions.

Surprisingly, the research team found that sugar activated the same portions of the brain as cocaine. Both Vartan and Redinger had predicted this possibility over ten years ago. These results have been cited in multiple articles on the addictive qualities of sugary foods.

3. Identify the type of pronoun that is underlined in the following sentence.

Jefe was hesitant to bring that up during the lecture last week.

- ☐ Demonstrative ☐ Relative ☐ Indefinite ☐ Personal

4. Identify the prepositional phrase in the following sentence.

I was hoping to meet with the plant managers to discuss the new environmental regulations.

5. What are the proper nouns in the following passage? Identify all that apply.

My neighbor, Mrs. Jackson, used to watch my siblings and me when my parents were away. She used to say we were the grandchildren she never had. Before we knew her, she was a world reporter for National Geographic. Her job took her to new locations all the time; one of her favorite cities to visit was Tallinn, Estonia. When any of us had a birthday, she gave us a gift from a place she had traveled to. One of my favorites is a sombrero from Mexico.

Lesson 9.2: The Characteristics of a Sentence

6. Identify the main verb in the following sentence.

After an early-morning run, Deshaun felt energized for the day ahead.

7. Identify the independent clause.

- ☐ Rain fell like a curtain
☐ The park visitors standing beneath the large maple tree
☐ The mist from the rain
☐ Rain drops as large as pennies

8. Identify the complete sentence.

- ☐ Maron McTavish on campus for a lecture on the sociology of sports.
☐ It's easy to get distracted by phones and tablets.
☐ Leadership members at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

9. What are the dependent clauses in the following passage? Identify all that apply.

They sat across from one another timidly. While they waited for help, Sid looked down the empty road. His usual confidence had deserted him, and he felt disoriented. Though he had a map on his phone, he couldn't find their current location.

10. Identify the subject of the following sentence.

Despite her congestion and headache, Kisha was determined to go to the office.

Lesson 9.3: Using Commas

11. Read the following sentence and add commas around the nonessential information.

Pizza the breakfast of champions is 50% off at Domino's today.

12. Is the comma used correctly in the following sentence?

Meena has agreed to cover your weekend shifts this week so, make sure you update the schedule.

- ☐ No, the comma in this sentence is incorrect.
☐ Yes, the comma in this sentence is correct.

13. Identify the function of the comma in the following sentence.

Before the children's dance recital, everyone should silence their phones.

- ☐ After a dependent clause
☐ After an introductory prepositional phrase
☐ To join two independent clauses
☐ To separate items in a list

14. Read the following sentence. Add commas where needed. (Include the Oxford comma if applicable.)

Initially Tati was hesitant to begin painting but now she enjoys working with vibrant rich colors such as indigo violet and fuchsia.

15. Identify the sentence that uses commas correctly.

- ☐ The new apartments, which are located downtown are much more ornate than the plain unexciting office buildings nearby.
☐ The new apartments, which are located downtown are much more ornate, than the plain, unexciting, office buildings nearby.
☐ The new apartments, which are located downtown, are much more ornate than the plain, unexciting office buildings nearby.

Lesson 9.4: Using Semicolons and Colons

16. Identify the quotation that uses a colon correctly.

- ☐ Mark Twain: "All generalizations are false, including this one."
☐ Josh Billings made the following statement: "Flattery is like cologne water, to be smelt of, not swallowed."
☐ Author W. H. Auden stated that: "We are all here on earth to help others; what on earth the others are here for I don't know."

17. Is the colon used correctly in the following sentence?

The student waved his paper, saying: "I got a 100 on my test!"

- ☐ Yes, the colon is used correctly.
☐ No, the colon is used incorrectly.

18. If Elisabeth is writing a long list of items with complex names, which punctuation mark should she use to separate them?
- ☐ Semicolon
 - ☐ Colon
19. Read the following sentence. Add the semicolon where needed.
- After the explosion, Ali contacted the police officer he knew an investigation commenced thanks to his connection.
20. Which sentences need a semicolon instead of a comma? Identify all that apply.
- ☐ Emily hates macaroni and cheese, her sister loves it.
 - ☐ Emily hates macaroni and cheese, it is her sister's favorite food.
 - ☐ Emily hates macaroni and cheese, but her sister loves it.
 - ☐ Emily's sister loves macaroni and cheese, but she hates French onion soup.

Lesson 9.5: Using Quotation Marks, Parentheses, and Brackets

21. Identify the sentence that uses quotation marks correctly.
- ☐ Robert W. McChesney warns the public of this corrupt process in his article "The Money Media Election Complex."
 - ☐ "As part of tonight's assignment," stated Professor Bering, "you will be writing a one-page response to "Getting In" by Malcolm Gladwell."
22. Read the following passage. Which sentences use single quotation marks correctly? Identify all that apply.
- Lisa squealed, "When the appraiser said, 'It's good news,' I wasn't sure what to think!" She paused, and Dean asked, 'Well? What was the good news?' "He said the painting I bought at the flea market was 'exceptional and rare' and that it's worth \$3,000!" she exclaimed.
23. Which punctuation marks are used for adding missing text inside a quote?
- ☐ Brackets
 - ☐ Quotation marks
 - ☐ Parentheses
24. Identify the sentence that uses parentheses correctly.
- ☐ Dr. Kimberly Tripp (a graduate of the University of Florida Medical School is currently in her residency at Vanderbilt Children's Hospital.)
 - ☐ Dr. Kimberly Trip (a graduate of the University of Florida Medical School) is currently in her residency at Vanderbilt Children's Hospital.
 - ☐ (Dr. Kimberly Tripp) a graduate of the University of Florida Medical School is currently in her residency at Vanderbilt Children's Hospital.
25. Read the following passage. Which sentences use brackets correctly? Identify all that apply.
- The article claims that "comfort foods provide psychological comfort by evoking positive memories (usually from childhood [defined as age 0 to 12]) and producing a comforting feeling of happiness or joy" (Wexler 46). However, the specific type [of food varies] from person to person. This is because "making connections between [any particular food] and a happy memory is a personal, individualized process," Wexler explained (47).

Chapter 10 Exercises

Lesson 10.1: Common Sentence Errors

1. Identify the fragment in the following passage.

Anni is always hungry. Because she has a sweet tooth. She tries to avoid candy and stick to healthy snacks, but it's not easy.

2. Identify the type of error demonstrated in the following example.

She glanced outside, no one was there.

- ☐ Fragment ☐ Complete sentence ☐ Comma splice ☐ Fused sentence

3. What are the fused sentences in the following passage? Identify all that apply.

Julius has worked with cars his entire life. Growing up, he helped his dad repair friends' and neighbors' cars. Sometimes, Julius found cars at the junkyard he'd take them apart and put them back together. After high school, he helped open an auto repair shop it later became the best one in town. He graduated from high school, and a major automobile manufacturer offered him a job. He has been designing cars for over twenty years. Now, he's teaching his daughter how to fix cars.

Lesson 10.2: Using Consistent Subjects and Verbs

4. Does the following sentence use subject-verb agreement?

A few of the students is here to study for the final exam.

- ☐ Yes, the subject and verb agree. ☐ No, the subject and verb do not agree.

5. Read the following passage. Identify the sentence that does not use subject-verb agreement.

My favorite of all the seasons are autumn. The air is cool, the sun is warm, and the leaves are bright. Plus, I love drinking cider, picking apples, and going on hayrides.

6. Read the following incomplete sentence. Identify the correct verb form to fill in the blank.

He usually _____ on the treadmill every day, but it is broken right now.

- ☐ jog ☐ jogs

Lesson 10.3: Using Consistent Pronouns and Antecedents

7. Identify the antecedent of the underlined pronoun.

Miguel goes to his primary care physician, Dr. Wells, every six months for a checkup.

8. Read the following passage. Identify the sentence that contains a pronoun reference error.

Playing an instrument physically influences the musician. For example, a person who plays a string instrument, like guitar or violin, will develop fingertip calluses. Even more significantly, they have observed positive effects of music on the human brain.

9. Read the following incomplete sentence. Identify the correct pronoun to fill in the blank.

The volunteers worked in the heat for several hours; _____ were ready for a break and a cool drink.

- ☐ she ☐ they ☐ them

Lesson 10.4: Using Correct Pronoun Reference and Case

10. Read the following incomplete sentence. Identify the correct pronoun to fill in the blank.

My Uncle Rob told me once, "If you ever need a designated driver, call Aunt Jazmyn or _____; one of us will pick you up, no matter the time or place."

- ☐ I ☐ me ☐ them

11. Read the following passage. Identify the sentence that contains a pronoun reference error.

My cousin grew up speaking three languages: English, Cantonese, and Spanish. When she took language classes in college, they were amazed by her fluency. She recently applied to work as a translator for the European Union.

12. Identify the sentence that uses correct pronoun case.

- ☐ After Neil posted the project on Kickstarter, him asked friends and family for support.
☐ Him and his brother went to the gas station.
☐ Kiley felt that the promotion should have been hers, not Jim's.

Lesson 10.5: Correcting Misplaced and Dangling Modifiers

13. Read the following passage. Identify the sentence that contains a misplaced modifier.

Alana had always been a nervous flyer, so she knew she had to keep busy on last week's flight. She brought her notebook and a few snacks on the plane with her, filled with doodles. Thankfully her anxiety subsided when she arrived at the airport.

14. The following sentence contains a misplaced modifier. Rewrite it to correct the error.

Smothered in Vermont maple syrup, I enjoyed the Belgian waffles.

15. Read the following sentence. Identify the phrase that creates a dangling modifier.

Jammed tightly in the lock, they couldn't get into their apartment, so they had to break down the front door.

Lesson 10.6: Using Active and Passive Voice

16. Identify the sentence that uses passive voice.

- ☐ The car was parked down the street.
☐ Nina fixed the broken shelf above the sofa.
☐ The weather is beautiful this afternoon.

17. Read the following passage. Which sentences use active voice? Identify all that apply.

Commuters waited impatiently on the platform. The 5 o'clock train had been delayed by a tree that had fallen on the tracks. Suddenly, headlights appeared in the distance. Everyone breathed a collective sigh of relief. Upon arrival, the train doors were surrounded by people eager to board.

18. Read the following passage. Identify the sentence that uses passive voice.

Many companies allow employees to dress and interact more casually than in past decades. Offices permit, and sometimes even encourage, employees to dress informally and make their workspaces comfortable. Additionally, social gatherings and team activities are organized to foster a welcoming, close-knit work community.

Lesson 10.7: Maintaining Consistency in Tense and Person

19. Read the following passage. Identify the sentence that contains a shift in verb tense.

My brother knows the perfect song for every occasion. He stayed up late, looking for new artists. After he finishes school, he wants to be a producer. For now, he's working at a local radio station.

20. Read the following passage. Identify the sentence that contains a shift in point of view.

Christopher Columbus used the *Santa Maria* as the small fleet's flagship. I had realized that winds just above the equator blew east to west and that those just below the equator blew west to east. Unfortunately, his model for the size of the Earth was incorrect by a few thousand miles.

21. Read the following passage. Identify the sentence that contains a shift in verb tense.

In 2015, the Curiosity rover confirmed that briny water exists on Mars even now. NASA scientists had aimed the craft at the base of a mountain inside a crater, where water apparently ran at some point. Curiosity will test the Martian rocks and soil for water and organic chemicals. Results from Curiosity and studies of Earth's early years have caused some scientists to wonder if evidence of cyanobacteria will someday be found on Mars.

Lesson 10.8: Using Parallelism, Coordination, and Subordination

22. Identify the sentence that uses parallel structure.

- ☐ Yesterday, I took a history test, wrote a literature essay, and completed a biology assignment.
- ☐ Gabi doesn't like eggs, tomatoes are tolerated, and another type of food she hates is green bell pepper.
- ☐ Priya plans to major in biochemistry, while her best friend Kimmy has chosen Russian literature as her major.

23. Identify the coordinating conjunction in the following sentence.

Danny had to sprint home, or he would miss curfew.

24. Read the following passage. Which sentences use subordination to join clauses? Identify all that apply.

Because Carly was particularly afraid of sharks, she decided to face her fear by accepting a surf trip invitation. The days leading up to the trip filled her with dread. Even though she desperately wanted to cancel, she remained steadfast in her decision. Though she would never voluntarily swim with the sharp-toothed creatures, she decided an afternoon at the beach was a reasonable compromise.

Lesson 10.9: Proofreading Sentences for Grammar

25. Read the following passage. Identify the sentence that contains structural errors.

My grandfather was a professional boxer, and he was talented. He once fought a world champion boxer he didn't win but he got a lot of recognition in his town. He became the town sheriff when he retired from boxing. I've always been inspired by his drive and passion for greatness.

26. Read the following passage that contains incorrect commas. Then, rewrite the passage to correct the comma errors.

Yesterday, my friends, and I, played Frisbee around noon. Though I had already eaten lunch, we went to Waffle House, afterwards. I ate too much food and, I couldn't eat dinner later that night. Well at least I learned my lesson.

27. Read the following passage. Identify the sentence with a structural error.

Beethoven is regarded as one of the best classical composers in history, his works have influenced countless authors, historians, and artists. For decades, listeners have enjoyed the vast array of his beautiful symphonies. His musical brilliance made its mark in history.