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4.02 Organize to Inform Example

Step 1: Identify the prompt you selected for this assessment. Remember, you could choose from the following prompts:

- Prompt 1: Everyday people can become heroes when they are called to action.
- Prompt 2: There are factors that contribute to people surviving extreme situations.

Selected Prompt	<i>There are factors that contribute to people surviving extreme situations.</i>
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Step 2: The Introduction

By now, you should have carefully read each of the three sources in your prompt's text set. Using what you know about the topic, write the components of your essay's introduction below. Remember – the thesis statement should convey your essay's central idea. This will be supported in each body paragraph.

Introduction	<p><i>Write a hook to introduce your topic and get your reader's attention:</i></p> <p><i>Bear Grylls once said, "Survival can be summed up in three words, never give up. That's the heart of it really. Just keep trying."</i></p> <p><i>Write a two to four sentence bridge to connect the hook and the thesis statement:</i></p> <p><i>We hear many stories about survival. It can be hard to imagine what we might do in those extreme situations where we have to make a choice - to give up or to keep going.</i></p> <p><i>Write a thesis statement with a clear controlling idea:</i></p> <p><i>Many people are known to survive extreme situations when they stay positive and when they have a will to keep living for something greater.</i></p>
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Step 3: The Plan

Using information from your sources, map and plan your essay using the guide below. Take note: this plan will help you to write your body paragraphs later in the writing process.

Body Paragraph 1		
Topic Sentence	This is your first paragraph's topic sentence. It should reflect an idea from your thesis statement that will be supported by information from the text set.	<p><i>Type your topic sentence here:</i></p> <p>People are known to survive extreme situations when they stay positive through the hard times.</p>
Evidence	Provide a piece of evidence from the text set that supports the idea from your topic sentence.	<p><i>Paste evidence from your text set here:</i></p> <p>In the article, “No Way Out,” it tells the story of a soccer team who got trapped in a cave. Danger explains, “Their optimism increased when the divers located them. The boys wrote notes to family members that reflected their positive outlook on the situation. The messages were delivered to their families on the outside by the divers. This positivity helped them through the next few days while rescuers devised a plan to get each boy to safety.”</p> <p><i>Title and author of source:</i></p> <p><i>“No Way Out?”</i> <i>By Darryl Danger, Adventurer Weekly Magazine</i></p>



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Explanation	How does the above text evidence support the topic sentence?	<p><i>Type your explanation here:</i></p> <p>By staying positive and having hope, the boys and their soccer coach truly believed they would be rescued successfully. This goes to show that having a positive outlook can help change your mood and your situation in tough times.</p>
Evidence	Provide another piece of evidence from the text set that supports the idea from your topic sentence.	<p><i>Paste evidence from your text set here:</i></p> <p>Dr. Hobbs Hopewell explains, "While humans can live minutes without air, hours without warmth, days without water, and weeks without food, a lack of hope can eliminate a person's optimism in seconds. Part of keeping hope alive comes from a person's ability to adapt to their environment, even if it's scary."</p> <p><i>Title and author of source:</i></p> <p><i>"Survivor Psychology"</i> <i>By Dr. Hobbs Hopewell, The Power of Persistence Magazine</i></p>
Explanation	How does the above text evidence support the topic sentence?	<p><i>Type your explanation here:</i></p> <p>This goes to show that if someone can stay positive and adapt to their situation, they can make it out of that situation, alive. So in all situations, it is important to stay hopeful and find your way back home.</p>
Body Paragraph 2		



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Topic Sentence	This is your first paragraph's topic sentence. It should reflect an idea from your thesis statement that will be supported by information from the text set.	<p><i>Type your topic sentence here:</i></p> <p>When people have a will to keep living for something greater, they are known to survive extreme situations.</p>
Evidence	Provide a piece of evidence from the text set that supports the idea from your topic sentence.	<p><i>Paste evidence from your text set here:</i></p> <p>Lisala Folau was swept out to sea during a tsunami. Folau stated, "The scariest part to me during the ordeal was when the waves took me from the land into the sea," he said. "What came into my mind when I was helpless at sea were two things," he added. "One, that I still had faith in God. Two, is my family."</p> <p><i>Title and author of source:</i></p> <p><i>"Diplomat says Tongan survival story fits with events"</i> <i>By Nick Perry, The Associated Press</i></p>
Explanation	How does the above text evidence support the topic sentence?	<p><i>Type your explanation here:</i></p> <p>Folau had something greater to live for. Something to look forward to. His faith and his family. Having his family on his mind helped give him strength to keep going and find his way back, even after he was swept out to sea.</p>
Evidence	Provide another piece of evidence from the text set that supports the idea from your topic sentence.	<p><i>Paste evidence from your text set here:</i></p> <p>Dr. Hopewell explains, "When it comes to survival, motivation is</p>



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		<p><i>critical. In the past, studies have found that one trait is a common thread amongst all survivors: the will to live. Psychologists have found that humans tend to give up without something to push them forward.”</i></p> <p><i>Title and author of source:</i></p> <p><i>"Survivor Psychology"</i> <i>By Dr. Hobbs Hopewell, The Power of Persistence Magazine</i></p>
<p>Explanation</p>	<p>How does the above text evidence support the topic sentence?</p>	<p><i>Type your explanation here:</i></p> <p><i>Having something to look forward to is the recipe for survival. It is important to think about the life you have and what you have left to accomplish. This will help push you past your limits and find survival on the other end.</i></p>
<p>*Repeat the evidence/explanation pattern as many times as necessary to effectively develop your central idea.</p> <p>**You may need additional paragraphs to support your central idea. Follow the same pattern for each new paragraph.</p>		