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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	<b><i>Everyday people can become heroes when they are called to action.</i></b>
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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><b>Eleanor Roosevelt once said, “We do not have to become heroes overnight. Just a step at a time, meeting each thing that comes up ... discovering we have the strength to stare it down.”</b></p> <p><i>Write a two to four sentence bridge to connect the hook and the thesis statement:</i></p> <p><b>Everyone has it in them to become a hero. When the time is right, people always seem to rise to the occasion when needed. Many times, we hear of regular people, just like me and you, doing extraordinary things.</b></p> <p><i>Write a thesis statement with a clear controlling idea:</i></p> <p><b>Ordinary people can become heroes when they are <b>brave</b> and <b>make sacrifices</b> for others.</b></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.	<i>Type your topic sentence here:</i>  <b>Ordinary people are heroes when they are brave in hard situations.</b>
Evidence	Provide a piece of evidence from the text set that supports the idea from your topic sentence.	<i>Paste evidence from your text set here:</i>  <b><i>In the article, "Heroes and History," Alice Dogood tells a story of a nurse during the Holocaust that rescues children. It states, "Disguised as an infectious disease nurse, Irena Sendler made her way into the ghetto and smuggled out children. Her organization created false documents and placed them with Polish families who could protect them from harsh conditions and possible transport to concentration camps."</i></b>  <i>Title and author of source:</i>  <i>"Heroes and History"</i> <i>By Alice Dogood, Helping Hands Magazine</i>



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Explanation	How does the above text evidence support the topic sentence?	<p>Type your explanation here:</p> <p><b>During the Holocaust, Irena Sendler was brave in face of danger. She knew the consequence of her actions were punishable by death, but she assumed the responsibility to rescue children from the Warsaw Ghetto. This shows us that being brave can have huge rewards and Irena is a perfect example of that.</b></p>
Evidence	Provide another piece of evidence from the text set that supports the idea from your topic sentence.	<p>Paste evidence from your text set here:</p> <p><b>In the article “Student uses new health lessons to help teacher in emergency,” another story was told that shows how heroes are brave: “She just jumped in and did what she had to do and didn’t hesitate at all. She really acted like an old pro at it.”</b></p> <p>Title and author of source:</p> <p><i>Student uses new health lessons to help teacher in emergency</i> By Bruce Mills, The Sumter Item Newspaper</p>
Explanation	How does the above text evidence support the topic sentence?	<p>Type your explanation here:</p> <p><b>This quote shows how Saravia Wright, an ordinary high school student, became a hero by bravely stepping in during a medical emergency. Even though she was nervous and had never used the blood pressure machine before, she acted quickly and confidently to help her teacher, showing she was very brave.</b></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.	<i>Type your topic sentence here:</i>  <b>Another way ordinary people become everyday heroes is when they make sacrifices for others.</b>
Evidence	Provide a piece of evidence from the text set that supports the idea from your topic sentence.	<i>Paste evidence from your text set here:</i>  <b>Sam Smarts says that, “In the moment, those performing a genuinely heroic deed aren’t thinking about the recognition or rewards they’ll receive. Instead, they think only of eliminating the danger for others. In essence, an act of heroism is an act of sacrifice.”</b>  <i>Title and author of source:</i>  <i>"The Psychology of Heroism"</i> <i>By Sam Smarts, Psychology of Humanity Magazine</i>
Explanation	How does the above text evidence support the topic sentence?	<i>Type your explanation here:</i>  <b>Smarts believes that when we make sacrifices for others, we become heroes. By sacrificing for others, and putting yourself behind other’s needs, this is showing the personality of a true hero.</b>
Evidence	Provide another piece of evidence from the text set that supports the idea from your topic sentence.	<i>Paste evidence from your text set here:</i>  <b>Smarts wrote, “As society progressed, heroes evolved. Ordinary men and women stood up to injustice, fought for equality, and redefined doing what was best for the greater good. Past and present heroes had one thing in</b>



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		<p><b><i>common: taking a risk for the greater good.”</i></b></p> <p><i>Title and author of source:</i></p> <p><i>"The Psychology of Heroism "</i> <i>By Sam Smarts, Psychology of Humanity Magazine</i></p>
Explanation	How does the above text evidence support the topic sentence?	<p><i>Type your explanation here:</i></p> <p><b><i>Sam Smarts believes that heroes have progressed from having superhuman capabilities to anyone that might <b>make a sacrifice</b> for someone else. There are many heroes in our midst , every single day, that go out of their way to help someone. They just want to make the world a better place.</i></b></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>		