

SUPPORTING A GENERALIZATION WITH EXAMPLES.

THINKING STEPS

1. Choose one (1) important effect school has had on you-good, bad or mixed.
2. Write a sentence stating that effect: For example, “For me the worst part of school is that the teachers have turned me off by being more interested in discipline than in teaching..”
3. Choose two or three stories (examples) of things that happened to you in school that show the truth of your main idea.
4. Write an organizing sentence to come right after your main idea that tells the reader what to expect: For example, “I remember especially three fights with my teachers that showed me that school was for them, not me.”

WRITING STEPS

5. Now put the parts of your paper together as follows:
 - A. INTRODUCTION: Tell us what you are talking about-your main idea and your organizing sentence.
 - B. DEVELOPMENT: Tell us the stories one at a time with lots of details. Make us feel as if we were there.
 - C. CONCLUSION: Tell us again what it all means.