

## The ABCs (and D) of On-Demand Writing

### Attack the Prompt

- Cross out the words that you do not need.
- Circle the words that ask you to do something (examples: Discuss, Share, Support)
- Draw an arrow from each circled word to what it is telling you to do (example: draw an arrow from the word “discuss” to the words “moment in history”)
- Under the prompt, rewrite and number the circled words. Next to each word, rewrite what the word asks you to do.

### Brainstorm Possible Answers

- Brainstorming can be done in many ways (lists, maps, charts, etc...). Choose the one that works best for you.

### Choose the Order of your Response

- Now put your ideas in the order that you want to write about them. You can do this by numbering your ideas on your brainstorming page or by creating an outline.

### Detect Errors before Turning the Draft In

- After you have finished writing your **draft**, reread it to detect errors before turning it in.

### Practice with an example:

Your principal is considering a new dress code requiring all students to wear uniforms. State whether you think it is a good policy. Support your answer.