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1. In the two paragraphs below, bracket [ ] around the hook and the thesis. Read the bridge, and see how it gets you from the hook to the thesis.

Is It Better to Work Alone or with Others?

Would you rather complete a difficult assignment by yourself or work together with a group of classmates? Some people prefer working alone because they can concentrate without distractions and make their own decisions. Others enjoy working with a team because they can exchange ideas, divide responsibilities, and help one another. Both approaches have advantages, and the best choice often depends on the task. However, working with others is generally more beneficial because teamwork encourages creativity, allows people to learn from one another, and makes difficult tasks easier to accomplish.

Is Courage Possible Without Fear?

A young boy stands at the edge of a swimming pool, staring nervously at the deep water below. His heart pounds as he considers jumping in for the first time. He wants to turn around and walk away, but instead, he closes his eyes and jumps. Although he was frightened, he found the courage to overcome his fear. True courage does not mean being fearless; it means doing what is right or necessary even when we are afraid.

2. In your writing journals, write a paragraph for two of the following ideas. Start with a hook, then write a bridge, and then a thesis.

Topics

Is failure necessary for success?

Should students be given less homework?

Is it more important to be intelligent or hardworking?

What makes someone a true friend?

Describe a place that is important to you and explain why.

What is one skill every teenager should learn before graduating?

Should students be allowed to use phones during the school day?