

Writing prompts to accompany Island Sting (or StakeOut)

North Carolina Standards Connections

(Grade 7) Writing Prompt:

Your *Community Blog* appears online and is published in the local newspaper. It features a column called “Fresh Start.” The blog is sponsoring a contest titled “It Starts With You.” Students are encouraged to write an essay describing how one individual can improve either the indoor or outdoor environment of their school or neighborhood. The winning essay will be published in the *Community Blog* and will win one free pizza per month for a year.

Write an essay which proposes how you can improve the indoor or outdoor environment of your school or community.

- Focus on your school or community and either its indoor or outdoor environment.
- Consider who reads this blog, the purpose of the essay, and its intended context.
- Organize the ideas in your essay so they progress logically
- Include details that support your ideas.
- Edit your essay for standard grammar and language.

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In *Island Sting*, Kenzie organizes the KKC, plans an island cleanup, and secretly leads her friends in a plot to uncover the identity of the endangered Key deer killer. Do you agree or disagree with her methods? What would you have done the same and/or differently if you were in her position? Be prepared to discuss and defend your position in a small classroom group.

- State a clear position in agreement, disagreement, or both.
- Support each position with relevant details.
- Organize your structure in an appropriate manner for your purpose and audience.
- Anticipate readers’ concerns, counter-arguments, and include your response to these concerns.
- Provide a summary or sense of closure to the writing.