Pyramid notes: Preparing to Read, Write, or Speak

Subject
What are you reading/writing about?

Main Idea
What are you/the author) saying *about* the subject?

Supporting Details
List examples, details, or quotations that illustrate the main idea.

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Developing Details
Explain how the above supporting details relate to the main idea

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Synthesize/ Summarize/ Respond/ Reflect

Directions: Use your notes from above to write a paragraph or draft your essay.

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