

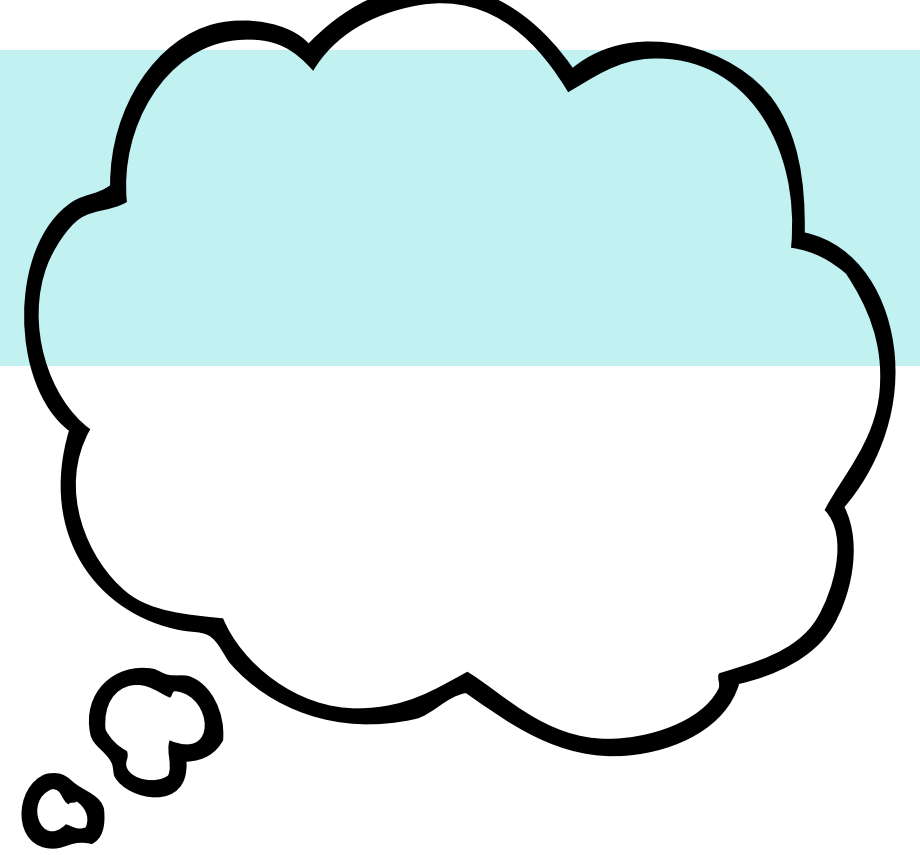
Narrowing Essay Focus with Lenses

ACTIVITY:
THE HAND APPROACH

PowerPoint Credits (2015):

- edPioneer Consulting LLC
- Sources:
- Teaching the General Paper: Strategies That Work, By Teachers, For Teachers.
National Institute of Education, Nanyang Technological University, Edited by Caroline Ho, Peter Teo, Tay May Yin (2006)
- Cambridge International Exams, AICE Program at Cambridge University
 - www.cie.org.uk/qualifications/academic/uppersec/alevel

THE DISCURSIVE ESSAY:



Brainstorming

Generating Ideas

- How do I *find* ideas??

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Think...

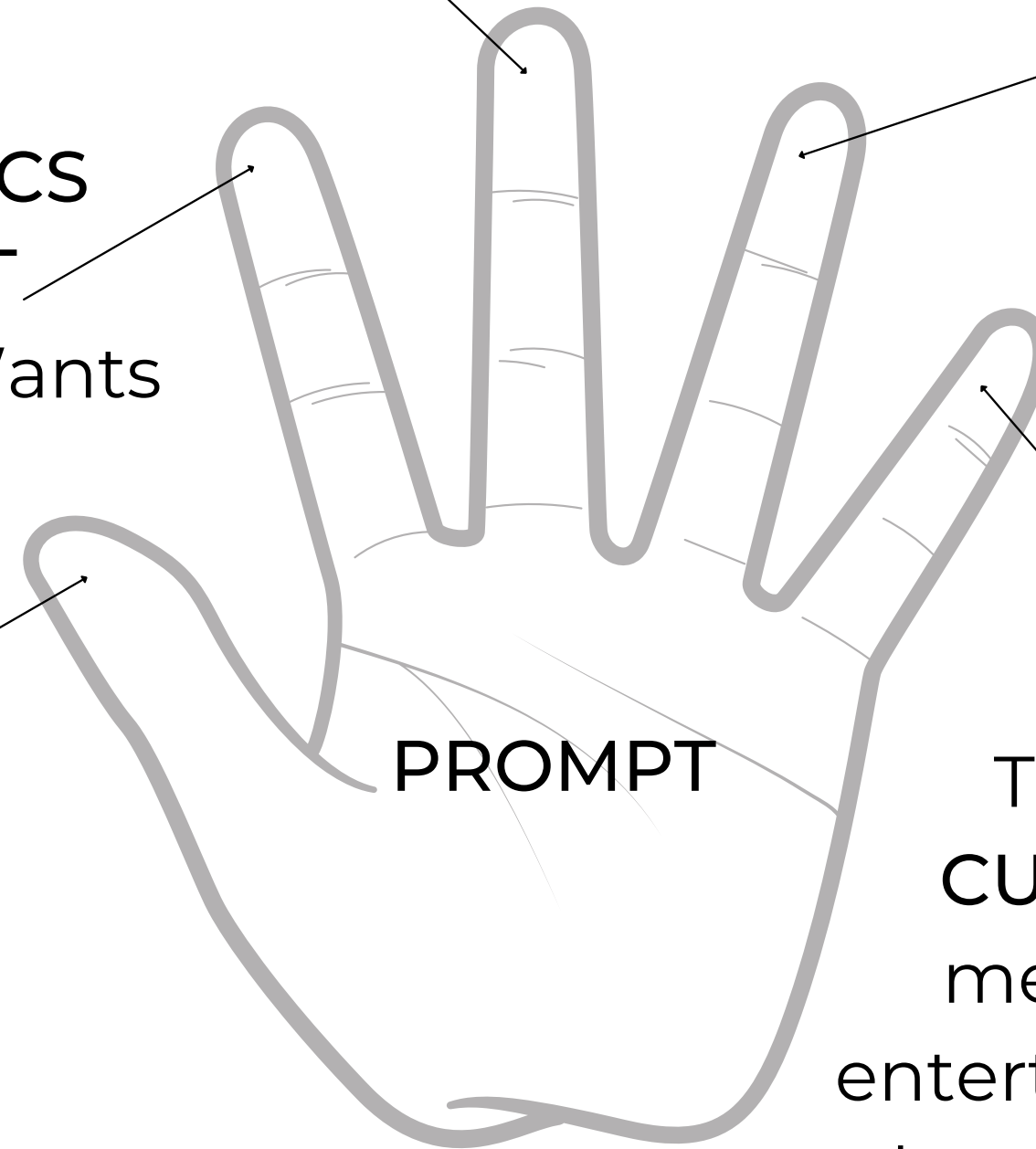
- Local, national, international
- *Past* history, *current* events
- Various contemporary issues/academic categories

It's at the center of our five fingers, and the **ENVIRONMENT** is "central" to our existence

Where we sport, for example, wedding rings, one of the many **SOCIAL** relationships a culture values

Point away at **POLITICS** and **GOVERNMENT** because "Uncle Sam Wants YOU!"

"Thumbs up" to the innovative ideas of **SCIENCE** and **TECHNOLOGY**



This spans **POP CULTURE**...such as media, sports, and entertainment topics, or those things that Mini-Me-style..."complete [us]"

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Essential Question (EQ):
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TECHNOLOGY

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THUMB: Science and Technology

Medical field

- **TELL THE TRUTH...**

- Hippocratic Oath

VS.

- **WITHHOLD THE TRUTH...**

- Placebo Effect



Placebo Effect

INDEX: Government and Politics

- **TELL THE TRUTH...**

- Political transparency
 - Obama's "open door" policy

VS.

- **WITHHOLD THE TRUTH...**

- FDR, who hid his polio to avoid appearing "weak" to the public eye



MIDDLE: Environment

- **TELL THE TRUTH...**

- Al Gore's, *An Inconvenient Truth*

VS.

- **WITHHOLD THE TRUTH...**

- Resource-rich areas that reveal such truths/discoveries may be taken advantage of as a result



RING: Social Relationships/Culture

- **TELL THE TRUTH...**

- AIDS patients

VS.

- **WITHHOLD THE TRUTH...**

- Former "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" Policy
in military (now abolished)



PINKY: Media, Sports and Entertainment

- **TELL THE TRUTH...**

- Libel/Slander

VS.

- **WITHHOLD THE TRUTH...**

- Gambling for sport and the "poker face"



Handy Work:

COLLABORATIVE EXPLORATION

- **As a group, take a look at the essay essential question options provided to you; pick one that you can all agree upon.**
- **Divvy out research responsibilities for tonight...**
 - Each student is responsible for finding **2 pros** and **2 cons** for a single finger...print and bring in your sources for credit!
- **Tomorrow, we go live on the big post-it sheets!**
 - Each group will draw their HAND, and decorate each finger with the (+) and (-) ideas you researched.
 - Then you will present your findings while the class jots down these valuable ideas! *You never know when a similar essential question could show up in the future, so note-taking is key!*

Social/Relationships

Truth - AIDS patients

Withhold - The former "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy

Environment

Truth - Gore, *Inconvenient Truth*

Withhold: Resource-rich regions that aim to avoid exploitation

Politics & Gov't

Truth - Obama, "open door" policy

Withhold - FDR hides polio to avoid appearing weak

Media, Sports, Entertainment

Truth - Libel/Slander in media

Withhold - Gambling/The "Poker Face"

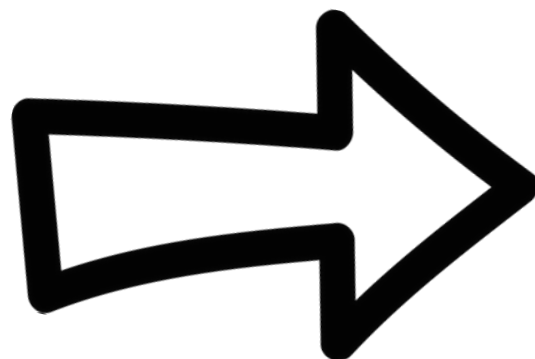
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Essential
Question



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