



The Blue Streak Academic 5K Tool Kit

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The Academic 5K Tool Kit will be a binder that each school will receive from the Office of the Chief Academic Officer that includes resources that teachers can duplicate to help foster academic fitness. The Tool kits will include:

- Informational documents to foster understanding of Collective Efficacy: Academic 5K Project
- Academic 5K Posters to display throughout the school
- Visual Graphics to encourage participation and awareness of the 1st Annual Blue Streak Academic 5K
- Academic 5K forms for various stakeholders to set goals, sponsor students etc.
- Samples of promising instructional activities that advance academic fitness
- Release test items (Grades 3 – 8)



The Hand Graphic Organizer

A Tool to Foster Academic Fitness

The Hand Graphic Organizer is an integral part of SCS plan for building stamina in our students on the OST writing section. All teachers in grades K-8 will implement the “The Hand Graphic Organizer” at least 2x per week from January 2019 until testing in April 2019. The strategy was implemented under the leadership of Mrs. Christina Norwell-Fischer, English/Reading Instructional Coach, during the 2017–2018 school year. Thus, The Hand Graphic Organizer is a budding tradition that SCS will incorporate into our Collective Efficacy: Academic 5K Project during the 2018-2019 school year.

The Hand Graphic Organizer will support our efforts to help our students build stamina in the area of writing. This strategy is differentiated and will culminate into a 5-paragraph response. Those not ready for a 5-paragraph will build a solid 5 sentence paragraph. (See examples attached) At the bottom or top of the hand graphic organizer, students will list all transition words they can from memory and will use this as a helper on the state test. As this is practiced, it will become automatic and will be an organizer system students can use on the state testing.

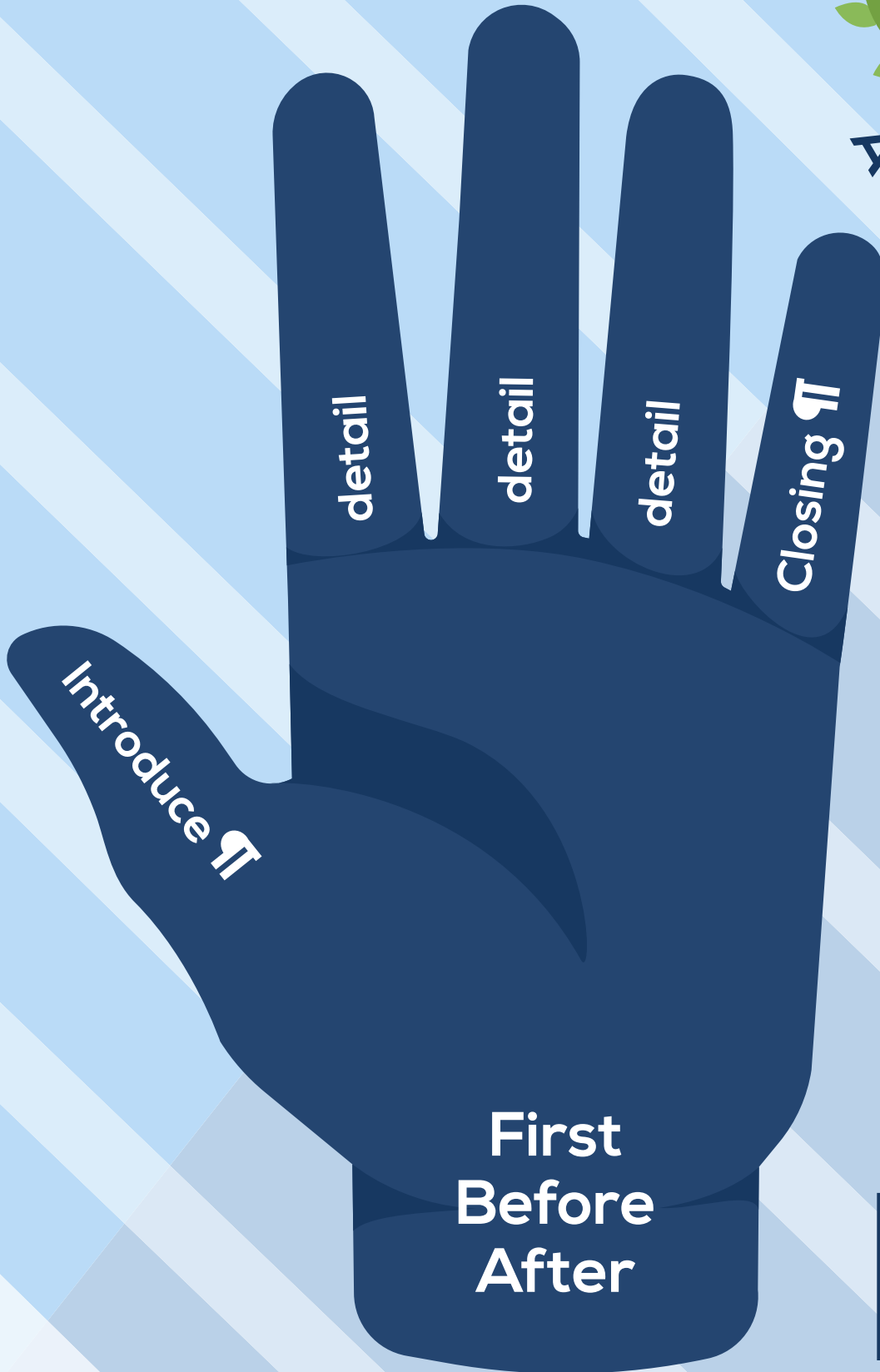
Citing evidence is also addressed on the state test. All teachers should be training students to cite specifically from the passage.

General reference is a 2-point response (the story says...) is a good sentence stem. Specific reference is a 3-point response (paragraph 5 and a paraphrase)

Exact evidence is a 4-point response (paragraph 5 states, “Jen traveled to the statue to see the inscription...”)

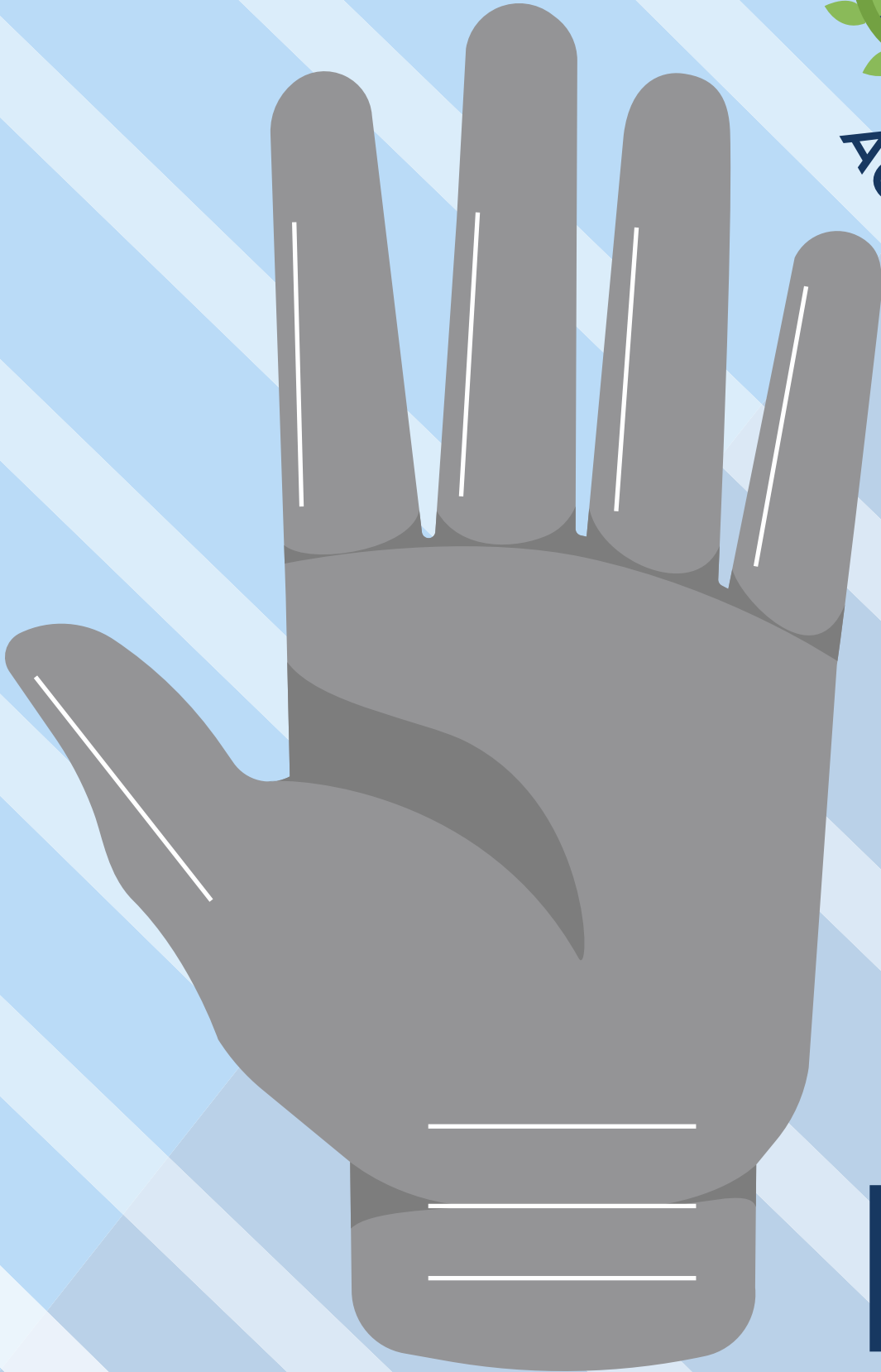
The teachers will submit weekly to the principal one sample of the hand graphic organizer per classroom. This graphic organizer should be practiced on blue paper so when handed a blue piece of paper during ELA testing, the student will have a memory anchor and will remember to trace his/her hand for an instant graphic organizer to assist with the writing passage.

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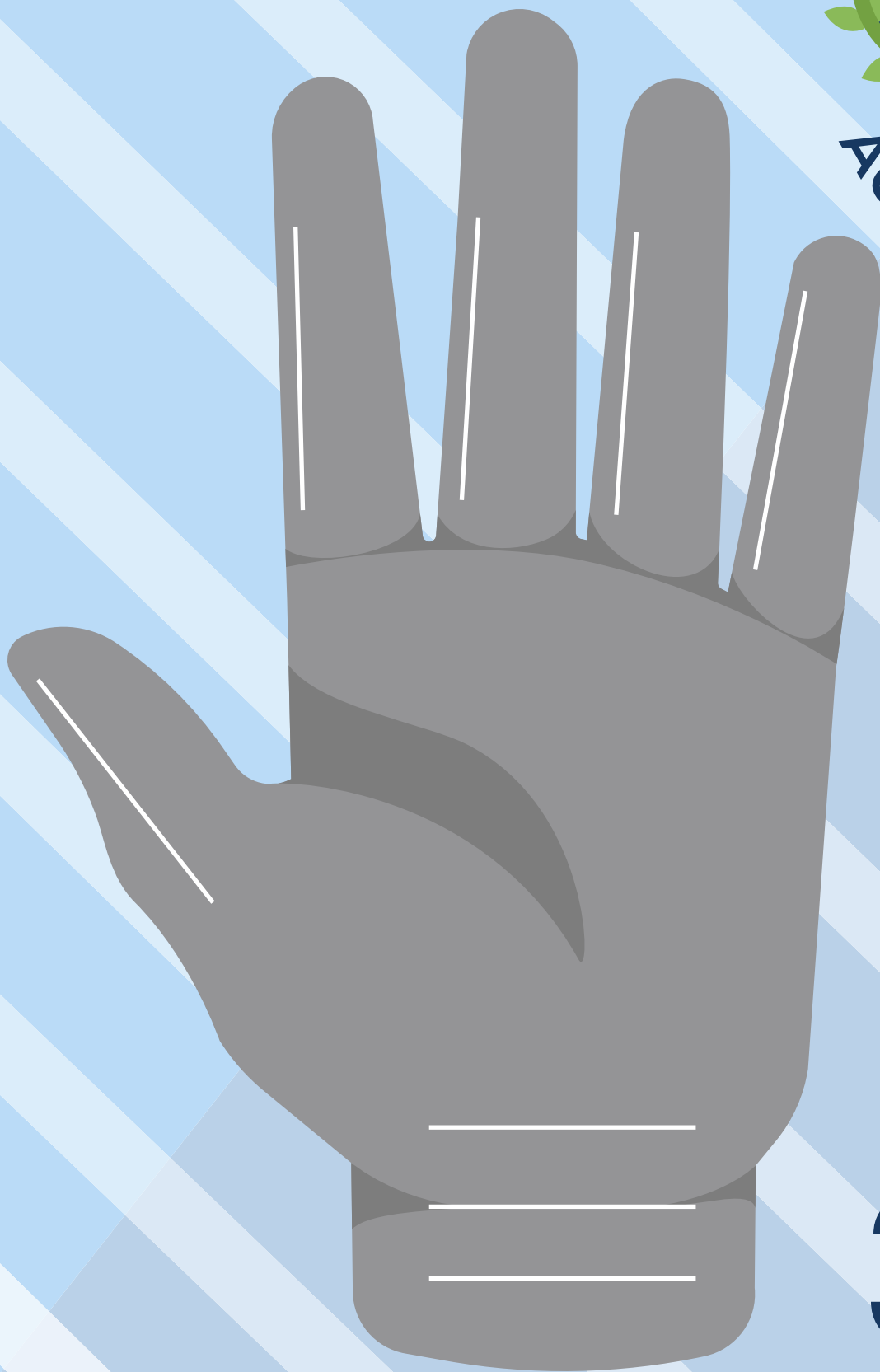
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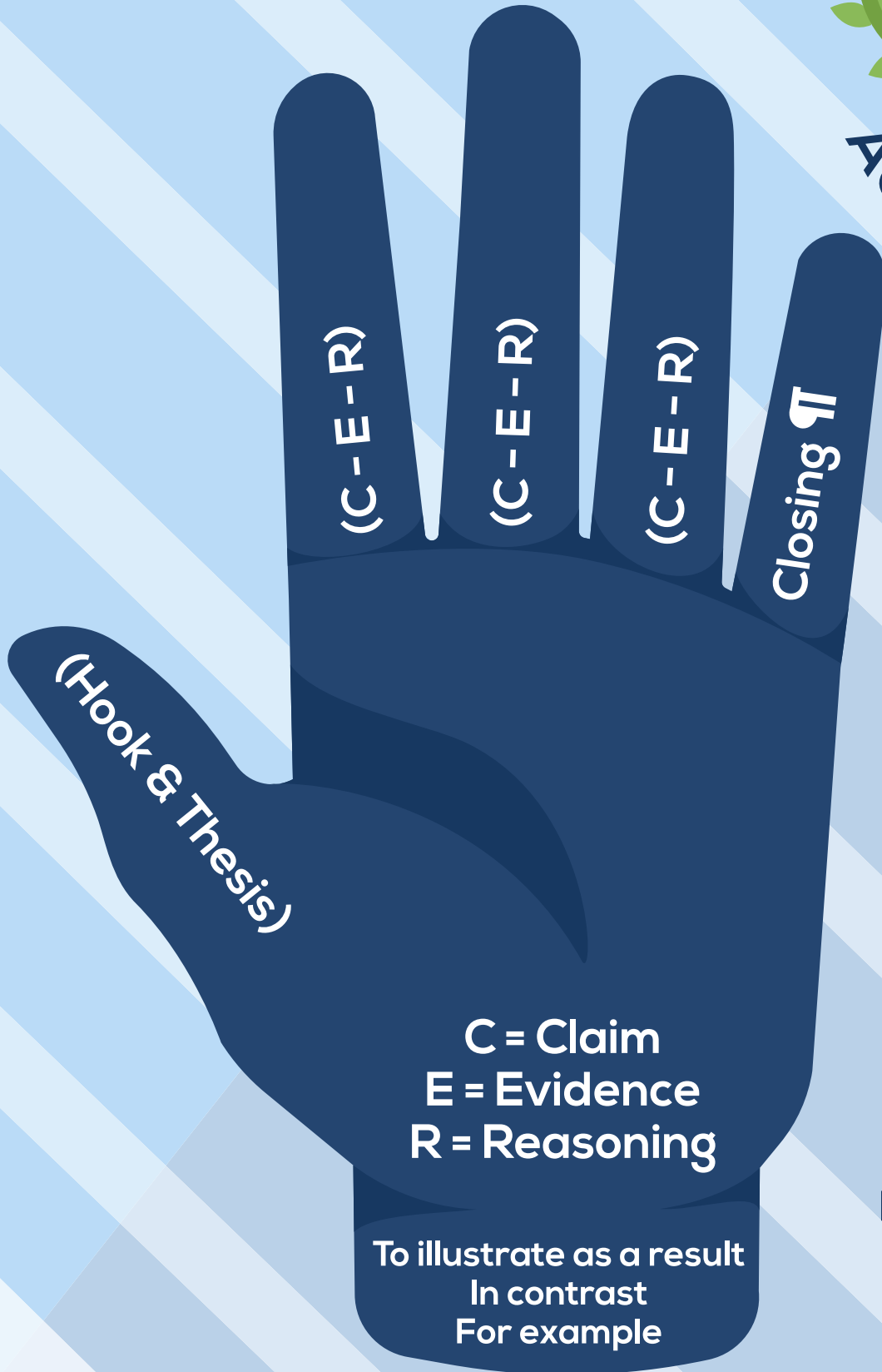
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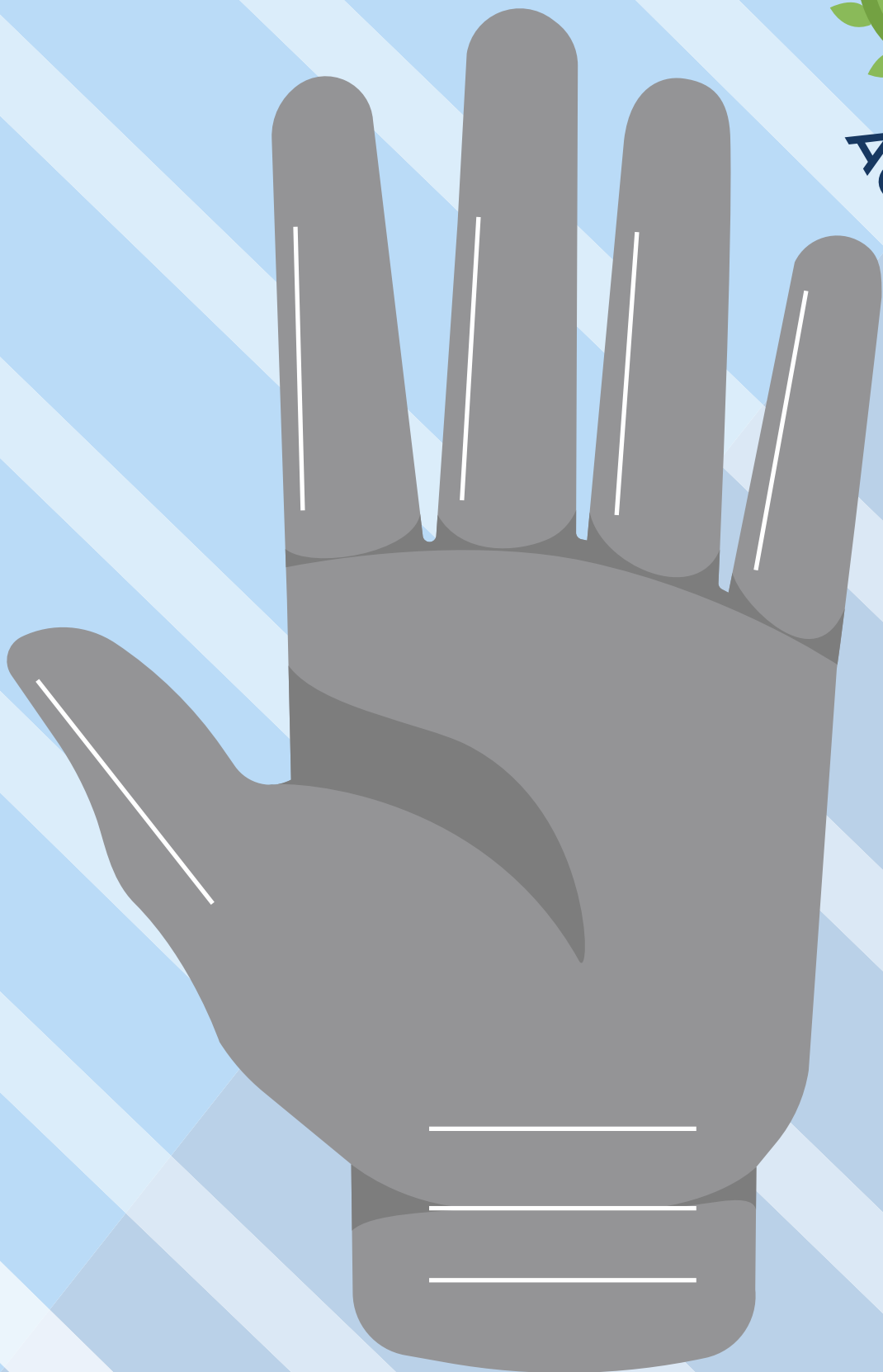
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Transition Words

Commonly Used Transition Words & Phrases for Expository Essays

Beginning	First, My first reason To illustrate my point, In fact, To begin with, For one thing, You see, Obviously,
Middle	Next, Secondly, My second reason Additionally, Along with Likewise, In the same manner, Obviously, Second, Once again, In addition, Again Moreover, Similarly,
End	Next, Finally, My final reason Lastly, My last reason Once again,
Conclusion	In conclusion, Therefore, To summarize, Consequently, To sum up my thoughts, Thus, As a result, Finally, By this time Now that

Transition Words/Expressions Useful for Argument Writing

Similarity	Also, in the same way, just as, likewise, similarly
Exception/Contrast	But, however, in spite of, on the one hand, on the other hand, nevertheless, nonetheless, still yet, notwithstanding, in contrast, on the contrary
Sequence/Order	First, second, third..., next, then, finally
Time	After, afterward, at last, before, currently, during, earlier, immediately, later, meanwhile, now, recently, simultaneously, subsequently, then
Example	For example, for instance, namely, specifically, to illustrate
Emphasis	Even, indeed, in fact, of course, truly, without question, clearly
Place/Position	Above, adjacent, below, beyond, here, in front, in back, nearby, there
Cause & Effect	Accordingly, consequently, hence, so, therefore, thus
Additional Support or Evidence	Additionally, again, also, and, as well, besides, equally important, further, furthermore, in addition, moreover, then
Conclusion/Summary	Finally, in a word, in brief, briefly, in conclusion, in the end, in the final analysis, on the whole, thus, to conclude, to summarize, in sum, to sum up, in summary

*Taken from Mrs. McClure's Class

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