### A hybrid essay for context

**Start with an anecdote** (people story) or a quote.
- If an anecdote, make sure it has a clear link with the prompt and with your textual examples; it should be short, snappy, entertaining and set up a clear start.

**Explain the clear link to prompt**
- (key ideas/ key “big picture”)
- possible reference to an authority/poet/philosopher’s comment

**First Key Idea to launch discussion**
- the most obvious straightforward idea
- a clear and relatively simple example (people story) with a clear link to prompt
- it should foreshadow the text (either through setting up a comparison or a contrast)

**Linking comment**

**Middle: Second Key idea (The Text)**
- develop two (different) ideas from the text
- ensure sufficient complexity
- compare with an ideas’ person
- use good textual details to show depth

**Linking comment, eg. expert comment**

**End: Third Key idea (Parallel)**
- show depth: develop a contrasting idea or a contradiction or a problem.
- explain with reference to an ideas’ person

**Conclusion**
- memorable comment

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### Recommended persona

**Youth Leader/Student persona**

- Smith Street Extended Family
- Meredith Roots and Shoots
- Bringing them Together
- Politics and Media Unit / XX University

*Write a “reflection column” in the University or Shire Youth News.*

- See the variety of “possible beginnings” in the folder for each theme/context.
- Use the “I” and contextualise/personalise your persona; nice, short and entertaining; link to “big” picture

- See the stock of *anecdotes, parallel examples and people stories.*
- Ensure it links with your persona (personalise or customise the anecdote to suit)

- See examples from text with regards to each theme/text
- Find a way to link with persona: eg. The youth group staged the play; the media unit organised a speaker or a film; the youth group organised a presentation; important speaker about war, peace, ethnic groups

- See “big” picture ideas
- Contrasting parallel example: reference to the youth group / show how the text relates personally or locally

- A saying, proverb, comment
  - something personal or local about the group