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Expository Writing: A Person from 1800s

Assignment: Explain to a Person from the Past

Imagine that a person from the 1800s has come to visit you. He is curious about some modern invention, such as a computer or a blender. Write a simple explanation of how the device works and what it can be used for.

PURPOSE To use supporting details to explain how a device works and what it can be used for

AUDIENCE A person from the 1800s

LENGTH 2–3 paragraphs

WRITING RUBRICS

To explain the purpose and features of a device, you should

- describe the major purposes of the device
- make clear how the device is used
- arrange the details in an organized, logical way
- make the explanation clear and legible for the audience.
