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**Prompted Essays, text-based:**

The following ideas and information comes from the book *A Curriculum Plan for the Writing Workshop*, Lucy Calkins, Heinemann: Portsmouth, NH, 2011, pps. 132-136.

- Reread "Esther, Queen of Persia."
- Write an essay that answers the following questions:
  - 1) Why do you think Mordecai asked Esther to approach the king rather than do it himself?
  
  - 2) Would you have rather been in Mordecai's position or Esther's position? Explain why.

**Be sure to:**

- include your claim/inference/thesis in the introduction
- include the title of the article in the introduction
- include some background information about Esther either in the introduction or first paragraph
- provide one example of evidence/proof/details from the text to support your claim
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- provide as many paragraphs that are necessary to include as much evidence as possible to support your claim.
- conclusion which restates the original claim and provides added insight
- write your essay on loose-leaf
- hand in the essay before writing class is over