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RAFT Writing Homework – Conquest of Mexico

Why do we do R.A.F.T. Writing?

- It is writing from different viewpoints.
- It helps us learn important writing skills such as audience, main idea, and organization.
- It teaches us to think creatively about writing by responding to the following prompts

Sample RAFT Sketch #1:

R = car in a junk yard

A = teen who destroyed the car

F = farewell letter

T = take care of your car (scolding)

Dear Claude, I've been forced to sit in this junk yard for the past year. Every day I've had to face the loss of more and more body parts until there is almost nothing left of me. But tomorrow, my time is up; I'm scheduled to be compacted, so I have to write this letter now. It is hard for me to say this, but I think you need to know you are a real jerk! I gave you the best years of my life, and how did you treat me? You refused to change my oil on a regular basis. (I get cranky when I have a dirty crankcase!) You always fed me the cheapest fuel, never letting me have any fuel containing detergents to help keep my parts clean. You constantly slammed on the brakes, wearing the treads from my tires. You never checked my tire pressure. I had to work extra hard to move with such low pressure in my tires. Do you know how much gas money you wasted over the years by driving on underinflated tires? You never gave me a lube job even though I was constantly screaming for one. I tried so hard to do my best, but you did not lift a finger to help. Oh, no! Here it comes, the big crunch! I've reached the end of my road....CRUNCH!

Choose one box from each column to design your own unique writing.

ROLE	AUDIENCE	FORMAT	TOPIC
Hernan Cortes	Ancient People of Mexico	Letter	Describe the new land of Mexico
Malinche	Her Mother	Song	Explain the reasons for the conquest of Mexico
Montezuma	Soldiers	Warning Sign – Art Page	Defend the trading of Aztec tribe people as slaves
Malinche's Mom	Another Tribe of Mexico	speech	Describe what the encounter or initial meeting would be with conquistador and king

