***FIRST: Please glance/read over the examples of “BLUES” below. Then, proceed to the next page down.***

**2. Sensory Details.** Boom! The trunk slammed. Bang! The car doors slammed as we got out of the van. Clunk, clunk clunk

**13. Scary, exciting, or intense moment.** …I tried to run, but I couldn’t. The monster seemed like it was growing by the minute! And then, the most horrible thing was about to happen -— I screamed and sat bolt upright in bed. I gasped swallowing huge amounts of air.

**15. Something interesting to come.** It all started on an average day. I didn’t think anything unusual was going to happen, but boy was I wrong!

**23. “Show” feelings.** I sat in my desk, sweat dripping down my face. I shut my eyes tight, then opened them. I looked at my watch, 11:27. Three minutes! Three minutes until I heard a sound, a sound that would set me free for three months of total nothingness.

**28. Scenario/Anecdote.** Pretend you are in a department store at your local mall. As you shop, you notice that some things are less expensive than others. Now, look at the labels on these cheaper items. Many of them say, “Made in China,” or “Made in Honduras.” Why are things made in these countries less costly than things made in America?

**31. Bold statement.** A great crime was committed against a people in 1942. This was the signing of Executive Order 9066 by President Franklin D. Roosevelt, which called for the eviction and internment of all Japanese Americans.

**35.Quote.** It was Ralph Waldo Emerson who said that “A foolish consistency is the hobgoblin of simple minds.” He said it almost 200 years ago, but perhaps it bears repeating today to our senators and congressman who act as though our country can continue to spend money it does not have.

**36. Reference.** Just like Michael Jordan on the basketball court or Peyton Manning on the football field, I thrive in my special part of the world. With its bright lights and tall buildings, the big city is the place for me.

Step One: For these examples, please state which type of introductory method is being used. Write the method (not just the number), please.

A. “A penny saved is a penny earned.” Wow, had I heard that saying a lot in my childhood. Of course, saving money is a life-long skill that has to be learned and practiced. If I’ve learned anything at the ripe old age of eighteen, it’s that saving money is the key to success in life. Method \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

B. Kaboom! The sound of the buildings crashing all around me was deafening. Boom, crack! There is was again. Never in my life had I heard such frightening sounds. Everywhere I turned, more buildings were crashing down. That day in September was definitely one that changed my life as the Olympia earthquake suddenly hit. Method \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

C. The morning I opened the warm, wiggly box was one that is imprinted in my brain forever. On opening my gift, I fell instantly in love with the most adorable golden retriever puppy that I’d ever seen. My heart melted and my love for her grew by the second as she glanced eagerly into my eyes. Though it was ten years ago when I first met her, my puppy changed my life for the better in so many ways. Method \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

D. Ten years ago, my dad eagerly anticipated my first baseball game. I was only six, but I was excited as well. As I laced up my cleats, I couldn’t wait to face our arch enemies, the Vikings. I actually had no idea of what was to come, but I knew I would make an impact on the game that day. Well, I did, in fact, make quite an impact. As I took the field for my very first Little League event, I promptly tripped over the pitcher’s mound, fell into the muddy area on the other side of the rubber, and face planted. As I slowly, shaking stood up, the crowd howled with good-humored laughter as I looked adorable with my mud-covered face and goofy grin. Even though my first experience in sports was interesting to say the least, baseball has continued to be my favorite activity throughout the years. Method \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(yes it’s an anecdote – what type?)

E. Imagine you had no money and no place to live. Now, imagine you had to care for your two brothers and you are only nineteen years old. While it may seem unimaginable to most people, this is the very life too many teenagers face today. While climate change and pollution are terrible problems, homelessness is the most important issue we must solve. In order to solve the problem, we should build more low income housing, provide food to those in need, and deliver education to our citizens.

Method \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

F. My morning started like every other morning. I got up, walked downstairs, and poured myself a big bowl of Cheerios. Well, here I go again, I thought. One more day in an endless, tedious K-12 education in the Gradrion School District. Little did I know, this day would be like no other! Without advance warning, my life changed forever in many wonderful ways. For one, I earned my first A in science. Also, I was nominated for Student Body President. Finally, maybe the best of them all, I was granted a full-ride scholarship to Park City Private High School.

Method \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Part Two:

\*\*Go back and look at Letter E above. I put the yellows into one sentence because I had three blues sentences. This is possible if you have three or more sentences of blues.

  **\*Minimum of five sentences**

 **\*Blues (one or more sentences)**

 **\*Green is its own, one sentence (occasion/position of power/number)**

 **\*Yellows (can be three separate sentences OR not**

**– depends on how many sentences of blue you decide to do)**

 **\*Please color code (highlight) the appropriate colors**

BELOW, please write your own blues, introductory paragraph for:  **one** of these topics:↓

 \*\*You must type 2, 13, 23, or 28 for this one

  **\*a big game\***

 **\*best day ever\***