1. **Reading the prompt** is reading the recipe.

   What is it asking you to do? Ask yourself the following questions:

   Have I really experienced what the prompt is asking?

   OR

   Do I need to make up an experience to answer the prompt?

2. **Prewriting** is gathering the ingredients.

   Restate the prompt in a sentence and choose three reasons that support your topic sentence.

3. **Brainstorming** is writing all of your ideas down.

   Brainstorm **ALL** of your ideas. Write everything down and place them under the correct reason using your graphic organizer.

   Write everything that you can think of that has to do with answering the prompt. Make sure that you answer as many question words as you possibly can (who, what, where, when, why, and how).

   Make sure that you stay on the topic and are writing only about the prompt. Do not worry about spelling, punctuation, or capitalization during this stage.

   **You need to have 5 paragraphs** to adequately answer the prompt, so make sure that you are writing enough information under each reason.