

Informational Thinking Guide

Title of the Selection Winds of Hope

Topic of Selection	William Kamkwamba
Central Idea (Main Idea of Selection)	Developed a windmill tower to bring electricity to an impoverished village in Africa.
Main Idea of Each Paragraph	1. Introduction to the drought William Kamkwamba and his village faced and the effect on the maize
	2. The drought of 2001 dragged on and family faced starvation
	3. The following spring the rains came and the maize grew
	4. Because of the drought, William was not able to return to school
	5. William wanted to learn and was curious about things
	6. At the library he found a book called Using Energy
	7. From the book he learned that wind could produce energy which could power a windmill and irrigate the maize fields
	8. William began collecting parts in a junkyard.
	9. He earned money to pay for welding and a dynamo
	10. When he had all the parts he began putting the parts together often in creative ways
	11. People from the village became interested and came to see the tower
	12. The moment to show everyone he wasn't crazy had arrived and he held his breath to see if it would work.
	13. The blades began to turn and then a light flashed to life. The crowd cheered.

	<p>14. A month later, found enough wire to reach into his house where he could now stay up reading late into the night.</p>
	<p>15. In 2006 a school inspector saw the windmill and Williams' improvements</p>
	<p>16. William was being interviewed on the radio and newspapers</p>
	<p>17. In 2007, now a nineteen year old was flown to a TED conference where he told his story and received a rousing ovation.</p>
	<p>18. William attended Dartmouth College in the US and is still dedicated to bringing wind- and solar powered electricity and water pumps to impoverished villages in Africa.</p>

William KamKwamba developed a windmill tower to bring electricity to an impoverished village in Africa. After the 2001 drought almost caused his village to starve, William was unable to go back to school. He wanted to continue to learn and found a book on energy which gave him the idea and information on building a windmill that could produce energy and help irrigate the maize. He collected the parts from a junkyard and creatively put all the parts together. His windmill worked and he was interviewed for his idea. Eventually he made improvements which got the attention of important people who honored his work. Eventually, William attended Dartmouth College in the US and is still dedicated to bringing wind- and solar powered electricity and water pumps to impoverished villages in Africa.

Read the story “Winds of Hope.” Based on the information in the story, write a response to the following: Explain how William Kamkwamba shows determination throughout the story. Write a well-organized informational composition that uses specific evidence from the story to support your answer.

Remember to —

- clearly state your central idea
- organize your writing
- develop your ideas in detail
- use evidence from the selection in your response
- use correct spelling, capitalization, punctuation, and grammar

Manage your time carefully so that you can —

- review the selection
- plan your response
- write your response
- revise and edit your response

Record your response in the box provided.

Writing Plan

I. Introduction

Hook – Determination means to not give up.

CI- William Kamkwamba faced many challenges while making his idea a reality, but never gave up.

II.

MI – At the beginning, William and his village faced challenges caused by the extreme drought.

Evidence

MI – Even after the drought is over, he must learn without being able to attend school.

Evidence

MI – William faced real challenges in resources due to poverty.

Evidence

III. Closing

CI and PT – William Kamkwamba is a hero to his village because his determination met each challenge to make his idea a reality.

Collaborative Interactive Writing Activity

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