**Argumentative Writing Practice**

***LT:*** *I can write arguments to support claims I have made about substantive topics or texts, using reason and specific, relevant, evidence.*

***LT:*** *I can support my interpretation of evidence with a general rule (warrant).*

**Warrant (N):** A reason for your thinking (Why do you think this evidence supports your claim?)

**Prompt#1:** Fast-food franchises are installing outlets in some high schools, selling hamburgers, fried chicken, tacos, fries, and sodas. Many soda companies already pay a great deal of money to be allowed to install soda machines in high schools. The money from these commercial ventures helps pay for athletic equipment, field trips, and audio-visual equipment. On the other hand, fast food is greatly contributing to the epidemic of obesity among America’s youth. Placing fast-food outlets in schools encourages students to eat food that is high in salt, fat, and empty calories. In your opinion, should fast-food franchises be allowed in high schools?

**PREWRITE**

(use the following space to brainstorm, outline, etc.)

**Formula for a perfect paragraph:**

**Claim** (topic sentence) → **Evidence or Example**→ **Warrant** (Thinking behind the evidence or example)