

## **Basic Format for Impromptu essays with how/what prompts**

**Take prompt and identify the “how” and “what”:**

**a. How:**

**b. What:**

**Formulate your thesis statement:**

**List your three examples/supporting ideas:**

**1.**

**2.**

**3.**

**Support 1:**

**Describe it/Quote it:**

**Analyze it (why is it an example of “how”):**

**Connect it to your thesis:**

**Support 2:**

**Describe it/Quote it:**

**Analyze it:**

**Connect it to your thesis:**

**Support 3:**

**Describe it/Quote it:**

**Analyze it:**

**Connect it to your thesis:**

**Concluding statement (Go beyond simply rewording the thesis;  
elaborate on the “what” of the thesis):**