Example of Explanatory Writing (Brainstorming Stage)

***“In art the hand can never execute anything higher than the mind can inspire.”***

-Ralph Waldo Emerson

**Paragraph 1: Interpret It/Put it in your own words**

When looking for inspiration, you must always look to your mind because inspiration comes from the mind and without it you are unable to produce your best work.

or

Ideas are inspired by the mind and without those ideas we are unable to follow through with our work.

**Paragraph 2: Personal Connection**

When I was in college, I double majored in Education and English. In addition to my long days at school, I was also working full-time as well. Doing this routine for five years was very exhausting and every night when I went to do my classwork I would always think to myself, *I can do this, I can be successful if I just put my mind to it*. My goal was to achieve good grades and to be successful; the inspiration came from within my mind because I knew that I was able to achieve it.

**Paragraph 3: Big Picture**

Several years ago there were poets and authors of whom wrote works upon works. It is because of them and their inspiration that we, today, read the poems, novels, and short stories which they wrote. All of these things would not have been possible if it was not for their inspiration and the ideas that flowed from their minds. Without this their words would never have met the paper and we would not have their inspiring works to read nowadays.