This week you have worked on techniques for establishing relationships between sentences in a paragraph and techniques to increase your vocabulary. The number one thing you can do to improve your overall reading comprehension is to increase your vocabulary.

For this week's paragraph you will write on the topic of how a larger vocabulary can benefit you. You can talk about how it will benefit you academically, in your career, or in your personal life.

In addition, you are going to practice the writing skills that we have been working on in class so far. Your paragraph must include the following:

* a pre-writing activity
* 7-9 sentences
* a main idea sentence
* three words that establish relationships between the sentences
* three vocabulary words from the "word wall" (discussion board)
* be free from spelling and grammar errors
* correct punctuation