# Writing Claim Statements: The Big Idea Claim

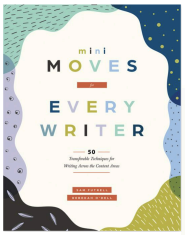
**WAGOLL/mentor text (n):** A professional example of something you want to create
**Task:** Use the graphic organizers below to study & write a *Big Idea* claim.

**Study the WAGOLL (*What a Good One Looks Like*) below of a Big Idea claim:**

| "Washington's message was this mandate: We must guard our inheritance."<br>Alexis Coe, 2023, "How George Washington Wrote His Farewell Address," *Smithsonian Mag* | |
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| What techniques do you notice in the example above? | What can we infer from the author's claim that George Washington gave a "mandate"? |
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**Prepare to Write:**

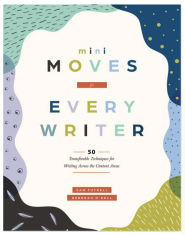
| Your topic: | |
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| Answer the question, "what is your topic about?" in 2-3 sentences. | Now, answer, "what is your topic about?" in five words or less: |
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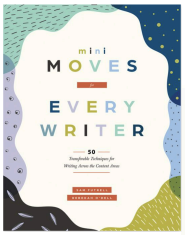

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**Write!**

| Practicing writing your version of a Big Idea claim: |
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