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Writing the Underlying Problem



Be sure to use the correct format

Future Scene Parameters

As you write your underlying problem, include the parameters of time, place, and a topic reference. These can be worked in wherever they fit best.

Condition Phrase

Begin with "Because" and give a research fact to tell why your focus area is important. This is your rationale for selecting the underlying problem.

Stem and Key Verb Phrase

Begin with "how might we" or "in what ways might we" and use only **one** active verb with a phrase to tell what actions your solutions will take to address your focus area.

Example: how might we maximize the use of Use non-absolute verbs that are difficult to solve.

Example: increase, improve, assist, limit

Purpose Begin with "so that" or "in order to" and provide a **single** reason why doing your key verb phrase is important. Example: so that people in [place] will not experience [topic reference] in [time] and beyond

Overall Avoid using extra qualifying descriptions that might make it harder for you to develop solutions to address the key verb phrase and support the purpose.

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