Preparing to Write
What Happened to Amelia Earhart?

The writing prompt on page 9 says:
The article presents several theories about what happened to Amelia Earhart.
Which theory do you find most believable and why?

Fill in the graphic organizer below to help you organize the ideas and details you will use in your essay.
Be sure to include page numbers for any information you use from the article. We started the first one for you.

Theory: Earhart ran out of gas and crashed into the ocean.

1. Is this theory plausible—meaning likely or possible? Why or why not?

Theory: _________________________________________________________

2. Is this theory plausible? Why or why not?
Consider your evaluations of the various theories. Place a star next to the box containing the theory you find most believable.