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# Featured Skill: Key Ideas and Details

**Directions:** Read "Rising From the Ashes." Then use this writing guide to help you respond to the prompt that appears at the end of the article.

**The prompt at the end of the article says:**

What can the aftermath of the Maui wildfires teach us about the power of community? Answer this question in a short essay.

**Finish our sentence starters, or write your own sentences!**

## INTRODUCTION

**1. Hook:**  
Start with a sentence that gets the reader's attention.

*Amid the smoldering ashes of Maui, a quiet but powerful force emerged: a community that . . .*

**2. Background Information:**  
Briefly describe the Maui wildfires.

*It was the summer of \_\_\_\_\_, and wildfires had swept across the island, causing . . .*

**3. Thesis Statement:**  
Finish the sentence to state how the aftermath of the wildfires demonstrates the power of community.

*But the way the people of Maui responded in the aftermath of the fires teaches us that together a community can . . .*

## **BODY PARAGRAPH(S)**

### **4. Topic Sentence:**

Introduce the response in the aftermath of the fire.



*Immediately after the fires, the people of Maui . . .*

### **5. Evidence:**

Use details from the article about specific ways the people in the community supported one another.



*According to the article, . . .*

### **6. Explanation:**

Explain how these actions helped the community and showed its strength.



*These actions show . . .*

## **CONCLUSION**

### **4. Restate the Thesis:**

Summarize how the aftermath of the fires demonstrates the power of community.



*The immediate, ongoing, and long-term response of the Maui community showcases its . . .*

### **5. Reflect:**

End with a thought about what other communities can learn from Maui's example.



*In conclusion, other communities can learn from Maui's example that . . .*