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# Assessment 11A: Focusing Question Task 1

Task:

Your class is preparing to celebrate November 30, the anniversary of the first time Galileo saw the moon through a telescope. Parents and families will join you for the reception to honor Galileo's work. You will explain to families how Galileo helped people learn about space.

Prepare what you will say at the reception by writing an explanatory essay that includes:

- An introduction paragraph. (We will draft this together.)
- Two supporting paragraphs.
- A conclusion paragraph.

Support your response using evidence from the following texts:

- *Starry Messenger*, Peter Sís
- "Galileo's Starry Night," Kelly Terwilliger

## Checklist for Success:

Be sure to include all of the following in your response:

\_\_\_\_\_ An introduction paragraph that introduces the topic.

\_\_\_\_\_ Facts, definitions, and details to develop the topic.

\_\_\_\_\_ Descriptive adjectives.

\_\_\_\_\_ A conclusion that refers to your topic.

\_\_\_\_\_ Writing that is appropriate for the purpose and audience of the task.