READ the information in the box below.

In the children’s book *The Little Engine That Could*, an engine succeeds in pulling a train over a mountain by repeating the words “I think I can.” The story is so well known and motivational that it has been used in many songs, films, speeches, and advertisements throughout popular culture.

THINK carefully about the following question.

Is a positive attitude necessary for success?

WRITE an essay explaining whether a positive attitude helps a person be successful.

Be sure to —

• clearly state your controlling idea
• organize and develop your explanation effectively
• choose your words carefully
• use correct spelling, capitalization, punctuation, grammar, and sentences