Expository Openings

Statement of Fact
Today we have a lot of bad role models. We have sports fans that cheat by using steroids. Singers are going to jail for drunk driving when they should be home with their little boys. I think a person that would be a good role model would be Justin Jones. He never yells at his class, he’s nice, and he is a good teacher. Those facts prove why Mr. Jones is a good role model.

Metaphor
He towers above most people I know. I don’t mean that he is tall. I mean that I look up to Mr. Jones and that is what makes him tower above everyone else. He is my role model for a lot of reasons. He never yells at us; he is nice. But most of all he is a super great teacher.

Simile
His smile is like a ray of sunshine and he makes me feel as smart as Stephen Hawking. I think Mr. Jones is the best role model any school kid could ever have. He never yells at the class and he is nice. He is a great great teacher.

Onomatopoeia
Slam! Bang! Wham! Those are sounds you would never hear in our classroom. That is because our teacher Justin Jones never yells at us, loses his temper or throws things. He is always nice and that is what makes him such a great teacher. He is about the best role model in the whole wide world.

Personification
Our classroom hums a happy tune every day. The biggest reason for that happy hum is Justin Jones. He never yells at his class and he is always nice. He is a really good teacher. Because of all those things I have chosen him to be my role model. I think he is a good choice.

Bold Statement
Every teacher in the United States should take a lesson from Justin Jones. Here’s what they’d learn. Justin Jones is nice and never yells at his class. He is a great teacher. If all teachers would be like him then every teacher in the United States could be role models too.
**Definition**
If I was writing Webster’s Dictionary I would just put a picture of Justin Jones next to the word role model. Then I would say that he is a good role model because of all the good things about him. He doesn’t yell at his kids; he treats them nice. And he is a really great teacher. Yep, he could be the Webster’s definition for role model.

**Personal Definition**
Some people define role model as someone with lots of money and is famous. I define role model with two words – Justin Jones. He is nice and never yells at his class. But the biggest thing about Mr. Jones is this. He is a great teacher.

**Question**
What do you think makes a good role model? Tons of money? Or do you want someone who is pretty or good-looking? You better think again because those kind of people don’t always make such very great role models. I picked Justine Jones because he is nice, never yells at his class, and is a good teacher.

**Quote**
Britney Spears said, “I would like to be called an inspiration to people, not a role model--because I make mistakes like everybody else. When I'm offstage, I'm just like everybody else.” Well, Britney doesn’t have to worry much about me picking her for a role model. I’d sooner have Justin Jones. He is nice and never yells at the class. Most of all I picked him because he is a good teacher.

**Personal Quote**
My grandpa once told me, “When you pick a role model, get someone who is good. Pick someone who can show you how to act.” I listened to Grandpa’s advice and decided that Justin Jones is that type of person. He is nice and never yells at his class. Most of all, he is a good teacher.