Proper Paragraph Format for Connections

When answering a short answer response for a Connection question please follow the following format:

| 1. | Provide a <u>topic sentence</u> which identifies the genre, title, author, and topic (type of Connection). | | | |
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| text-t | In the short story/article/poemby I can make a o connection. | | | |
| 2. | Support your answer in 3 to 5 sentences. a) State your connection. b) Tell a story/give a specific example. c) State how the two examples are alike (the text and your story). Make sure that you refer back to the story. | | | |
| S1. | The text-to connection in this (genre) is(explain) | | | |
| | One example of a text-to connection I can make is(explain) | | | |
| * If multiple examples are necessary please follow this format for each example. | | | | |
| S2. | Another text-to connection I can make is(explain) OR | | | |
| | A second text-to connection I can make is(explain) | | | |
| S3. | A third text-to connection I can make is(explain) OR | | | |
| | A final text-to connection I can make is (explain) | | | |
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| 3. | Write a <u>concluding sentence</u> that sums up your connection. | | | |
| In cor | nclusion,(explain). | | | |

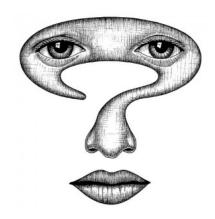
Proper Paragraph Format for Character Traits

closure.

When answering a short answer response for a Character Trait question please follow the following format:

| Provide a topic sentence which identifies the genre, title, author, and topic (Character Trait). Character Traits: thoughtful, caring, brave, determined, shy, awkward, selfless, etc. Not emotions: happy, sad, mad, etc. |
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| 2. State the character trait. |
| In the short storybythere is excellent character development. The character has the character trait of being |
| 3. <u>Support</u> your answer in 2 to 4 sentences.a) State your example from the story.b) Explain how this example shows that the character shows this trait. |
| The first example is A quote to show this is "". (Then restate the character trait) This shows his/her etc. |
| * If multiple examples are necessary please follow this format for each example. |
| Another support for the character being is. (Then provide another quote and restate the character trait). |
| A final example (Then provide another quote and restate the character trait). |
| 4. Write a concluding sentence that restates your trait and provides |

In conclusion, (restate 3 supports) through _____, ____ and ____ we can conclude that he/she has the character trait of being _____.



Character Notes

The writer creates a character:

Through what the character <u>says</u>.

Through what the character <u>does</u>. (*actions*)

Through what the character <u>thinks</u>. (*thoughts*)

Through what <u>others</u> say about them.

Through commentary from the narrator.

Through the character's <u>appearance</u>.

Remember: A Character Trait is a personality quality.

** Do not confuse a character trait with an <u>emotion</u>. A character might feel sad but this is not a personality quality.

Examples of possible traits:

| considerate | aemanaing | auventurous |
|-------------|-----------|-------------|
| lazy | brave | selfish |
| ambitious | kind | thoughtful |

ambitious kind thoughtful ignorant cruel fun-loving

sensitive resourceful self-controlled

Proper Paragraph Format for Theme

When answering a short answer response for a Theme question please follow the following format:

| 1. | Provide a <u>topic sentence</u> which identifies the topic (theme), author, title, and genre. |
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| impo | In the short story/article/poem bythere is an rtant theme. |
| 2. | State the theme in quotation marks. |
| The t | theme in this story is "". |
| 3. | Support (S1) your answer in 3 to 5 sentences.a) State the support in your own words.b) Use quotes when possible to backup your support.c) Explain the support and how it relates back to the theme. |
| supp | One example which supports the theme is A quote to ort this theme is "". (Then restate how the example relates e theme). |
| | * Repeat number 3) two times (S2 and S3). There should be three supports in total. |
| S2. | Another example which supports the theme is |
| S3. | A third (or final) example which supports the theme is |
| 4. | Write a <u>concluding sentence</u> , restate the theme and provide closure. |
| In co | nclusion, (restate the 3 supports) through,, and, shows that the theme of the story is "". |
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