

## Proper Paragraph Format for Connections

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

1. Provide a topic sentence which identifies the genre, title, author, and topic (type of Connection).

*In the short story/article/poem \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_ I can make a text-to-\_\_\_\_\_ 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)*  
*OR*  
*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)*

3. Write a concluding sentence that sums up your connection.

*In conclusion, ...(explain).*

## Proper Paragraph Format for Character Traits

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

1. 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.
2. State the character trait.

*In the short story \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_ there is excellent character development. The character \_\_\_\_\_ has the character trait of being \_\_\_\_\_.*

3. Support 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 closure.

*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 says.

Through what the character does. (*actions*)

Through what the character thinks. (*thoughts*)

Through what others say about them.

Through commentary from the narrator.

Through the character's appearance.

Remember: A Character Trait is a personality quality.

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

### Examples of possible traits:

considerate

demanding

adventurous

lazy

brave

selfish

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 topic sentence which identifies the topic (theme), author, title, and genre.

*In the short story/article/poem \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_ there is an important theme.*

2. State the theme in quotation marks.

*The 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.

*S1. One example which supports the theme is \_\_\_\_\_. A quote to support this theme is "\_\_\_\_\_". (Then restate how the example relates to the 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 concluding sentence, restate the theme and provide closure.

*In conclusion, (restate the 3 supports) through \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ shows that the theme of the story \_\_\_\_\_ is "\_\_\_\_\_".*