

The Ultimate Structured Paragraph Test

....to see if you really know your stuff...like you know. You know?

Sample from a student. Seriously:

Name:

Like homeless people on the streets, dogs are treated unfairly. Known as man's best friend, dogs are the intelligent, four-legged creatures, many have as pets. Despite few dogs who are treated fairly, such as treated with scrumptious bones and squeaky toys, it doesn't compare to the many that suffer. First of all, Gromit, from the movie "The Wrong Trousers", always has to come to his owner, Wallace's rescue. For example, Gromit had to save Wallace from being framed when the trousers whisked him away. Second, Gromit seems to get blamed for every unfortunate event. For instance, when Wallace was put into the wrong trousers and realized they were tampered with, he automatically suggested it was Gromit. Sounds like an older sibling always taking the fall for the younger one. Lastly, sacrifices had to be made by Gromit. Proof of this is when Gromit had to move out of his comfortable room and into the broken down room. This was because Wallace needed money from the penguin to pay the bills. If Gromit wasn't always depended on, wasn't always blamed for every unfortunate event and if Gromit didn't always have to make sacrifices, his life as a dog would be extravagant.

Part I - Questions:

1. Write the PROMISE below. What level would you give it? Explain.

2. Write the definition. Level?

3. Where is the hook and transition? Underline it. Level?

4. What the three main EXAMPLES that this student is using to support her promise?

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

5. The “REMINDER” reminds the reader of the _____ and the _____.

6. Rewrite the reminder below. Again, what LEVEL is it? What do you think of this paragraph?

Part II -Your turn: <http://clinton3.nara.gov/WH/New/html/teenconf1.html>

Sample Promises:

- Adults underestimate teens
- Teens need to do a better job explaining how they feel and think to adults
- Teens have issues that adults simply don't understand - or have forgotten.
- Adult brains are different than teens. Teen think differently
- You need to keep your brain active in order to be healthy



1. Read the report on “Understanding Youth” entitled: RAISING RESPONSIBLE AND RESOURCEFUL YOUTH. Using a highlighter or similar material, identify KEY pieces of information that could be used to support the promise(s) above.

You will be composing a structured paragraph using the information from the report, the promise ideas above.

2. Choose a definition that fits with a structured paragraph about this topic above:

- ___ Teens are an age group of people who go through major physical, emotional and social changes.
- ___ Brains are the primary center for the regulation and control of bodily activities, receiving and interpreting sensory impulses, and transmitting information to the muscles and body organs.