



WRITING PARAGRAPHS

GRADE 7

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KEY POINTS

TOPIC SENTENCE

SUPPORTING SENTENCE 1

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- EXPLANATION 1

SUPPORTING SENTENCE 2

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SUPPORTING SENTENCE 3

- EVIDENCE 3
- EXPLANATION 3

CONCLUDING SENTENCE

CONNECTIVITY

REPETITION
PRONOUNS
LINKING WORDS

IN-TEXT CITATIONS

RESPONSE TO LITERATURE PARAGRAPH

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YOUR TURN! (GRADE 7)

Write a paragraph about the Internet

TOPIC SENTENCE: Internet is a useful tool for learning

SUPPORTING STATEMENT: Students can research information.

EVIDENCE + EXPLANATION: Active learning more effective than lecture, a study (University of Washington)

SUPPORTING STATEMENT: Efficiency is boosted

EVIDENCE + EXPLANATION: Searching the internet is faster than searching encyclopedias

SUPPORTING STATEMENT: Communication with peers faster

EVIDENCE + EXPLANATION: Chats & social media, group work for homework

CONCLUDING SENTENCE: Internet allows students to be productive

YOUR TURN! (GRADE 8)

How does the author make the readers feel empathy towards the boy in “On the Sidewalk Bleeding”?