

Exemplary Paragraphs should include:

1. Topic Sentence
  - a. Answers the topic/question and presents your main idea
2. Context
  - a. 2-3 sentences that give the reader relevant background information
3. Evidence
  - a. Provides a quote from the text to prove your idea
  - b. May include a **brief** summary (2-3 sentences) of an important event
4. Evaluate the quote
  - a. Explain why the quote you used is important
  - b. What does the quote prove about your topic?
5. Closing sentence
  - a. Summarize your main idea without repeating your topic sentence

*At the beginning of The Egypt Game, April Hall is a disrespectful and rude sixth grade girl. She moves to the Casa Rosada to live with her grandmother, Caroline, because her own mother, Dorothea, is leaving for a Hollywood tour. April doesn't know her grandmother very well, so she is not excited about moving to this new place. When April arrives at the Casa Rosada, Caroline encourages April to call her grandma. April, however, says, "Oh, I guess I'll just go on calling you Caroline..." (p. 12). Children are usually taught to respect their elders. Caroline has offered to foster April while her mother is away, but April does not seem to care. She calls her grandmother by her first name which demonstrates a lack of respect. April exhibits rude behaviors toward Caroline, and this impacts their relationship.*