

# MEAT-Con Paragraphs:

A Graphic Organizer to help you write the best paragraphs

**M = Main Idea** (topic sentence)

**A= Analysis** (your explanation of how the example links to or supports the main idea)

**E = Evidence / Example** (facts)

**Con = Concluding Statement** (recap/summary)

<b>indent</b> 		<b>M</b> Topic Sentence
(T - transition to 1st example)		<b>E</b> First Example or Evidence
		<b>A</b> Link to topic (Explain)
(T - transition to 2nd example)		<b>E</b> Second Example or Evidence
		<b>A</b> Link to topic (Explain)
(T - transition to 3rd example)		<b>E</b> Third Example or Evidence
		<b>A</b> Link to topic (Explain)
(T - transition to conclusion)		<b>Con</b> Concluding Statement RECAP your 3 examples

## TRANSITION WORDS

You can effectively use transition words in the following ways:

1. **To sum up several points:**  
in short                      to sum up                      in brief                      in conclusion
2. **To show relationships between / among points:**  
furthermore                      accordingly                      similarly                      in like manner  
likewise                      moreover                      in addition
3. **To introduce examples: to add an illustration or explanation**  
for instance                      an example of this                      for example  
in other words                      in particular
4. **To connect one point with another that points it up:**  
in fact                      moreover                      indeed                      as a matter of fact
5. **To indicate another point of thought:**  
at the same time                      finally                      at last                      then  
in the second place                      moreover                      besides                      first                      second  
what is more                      in addition                      another                      also                      after that  
in the next place                      to begin with                      at the outset                      furthermore                      in conclusion
6. **To indicate another time: to arrange points in chronological order:**  
next                      not long after                      meanwhile                      soon                      at length  
afterwards                      later                      finally                      then                      since                      first                      eventually
7. **To indicate results:**  
therefore                      consequently                      accordingly                      hence  
thus                      as a result                      so
8. **To connect two contrasting points:**  
nevertheless                      however                      in spite of this                      on the contrary  
instead                      in contrast to this                      on the other hand                      rather                      conversely

Topics:

Write a MEAT-CON Paragraph on the topic below.

1. Explain **how** Doris Lessing uses symbolism to show Jerry going through a rite of passage in "Through the Tunnel."

### Remember:

Your paragraph should-

- be written in present tense
- be written in third person
- use formal language
- contain no contractions
- include at least **one** quotation as evidence
- include at least **three** transition words
- be sure to include the author's name and the title in the topic sentence
- **Underline main idea and evidence and circle the transition words!**
  - Clear topic sentence (underlined)
  - Follows MEAT-CON format, linked with **transitions (in bold)**
  - 8-10 sentence minimum
  - 3 x Evidence & Conclusion (underlined)
  - 1-2 Quotations - " ( ). (Intro. speaker/context / analyze/link after.)
  - Answers the question (not plot summary)