

Current Events: What is this article about?

2 Paragraphs

Minimum 5 sentences each

Paragraph #1

1. Introduction –

(A): Introduce the source:

Example: In the article titled “Opinion: Millions of children still in slavery, and it must be stopped” written by Kalish Satyathi and published in the *Project Syndicate* from February 2, 2016, ...

(B) State the central idea– ANSWER THE QUESTION – Tell me the **Who, What, Where, When, Why & How** of the article.

2. Explain this claim (idea, opinion, thesis)
3. Use **text evidence** to back up your claim

According to the article, ...“text evidence” (p.#).

or

Satyathi writes ...“text evidence” (p.#).

4. Explain the text evidence
5. Conclusion sentence – **RESTATE YOUR CLAIM**

Paragraph #2

1. Introduction – **State the reflection**
2. Explain this opinion (idea, opinion, thesis) with **FACTS**
3. Use **text evidence** to back up your claim

According to the article, ...“text evidence” (p.#).

or

Satyathi writes ...“text evidence” (p.#).

4. Explain the text evidence
5. Conclusion sentence – **RESTATE YOUR CLAIM**

Grading Rubric

<i>Does it have 2 paragraphs?</i>	20	
<i>Does each paragraph have at least 5 sentences?</i>	20	
Text evidence: Are there at least 2 pieces of text evidence used in the writing?	15	
Text evidence: Is the text evidence cited correctly? Is it introduced properly, ex: <i>According to the text...</i>	15	
Compound Sentences – At least 2 compound sentences per paragraph.	10	
Capitalization – does each sentence and proper noun begin with a capital letter?	10	
Spelling – Are there less than 3 spelling mistakes per paragraph.	10	