

Grade 12 -Types of Writing

Directions: Select descriptive, persuasive, expository, or narrative to identify each paragraph below. Then write the topic sentence of each paragraph on the line provided. (Use the phrase "no paragraph for paragraphs without a Topic Sentence)

Paragraph 1

"His heart beat faster and faster as Daisy's white face came up to his own. He knew that when he kissed this girl, and forever wed his unutterable visions to her perishable breath, his mind would never romp again like the mind of God. So he waited, listening for a moment longer to the tuning fork that had been struck upon a star. Then he kissed her. At his lips' touch she blossomed like a flower and the incarnation was complete." (The Great Gatsby)

Writing Style

Narrative

Descriptive

Persuasive

Expository

Topic Sentence: _____

Paragraph 2

Poultry are by far the most important type of livestock in The Bahamas today. Poultry farmers produce thousands of tons of chicken meat and millions of eggs every year. Nearly all are produced in New Providence and Grand Bahama. Pigs are next in importance and most are raised on the same two islands. Poultry farmers and pig farmers rely on feed imported from North America for their animals.

Writing Style

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Paragraph 3:

Soon rumors began to spread and the kids faced their greatest fear: mommy isn't coming back. The kids were told that their mother went to the "States" to find a better way of life. Hopefully, she would send for them soon. A heartbreaking reality set in for this 12 year old boy and his ten-year-old sister. They shared the same father that they never knew and he surely was not around when they needed him, especially right now.

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Paragraph 4

The morning advanced. The heated air grew quite easily hotter, as if from some enormous furnace from which it could draw at will. Bullocks only shifted their stinging feet when they could bear the soil no longer: even the insects were too lethargic to pipe, the basking lizards hid themselves and panted. It was so still you could have heard the least buzz a mile off. Not a naked fish would willingly move his tail. The ponies advanced because they must. The children ceased even to think. (Richard Hughes)

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Paragraph 5

Are people engaging in premarital sex because they do not value the body God has given them? In the King James Version it says, "all other sins a man commits are outside his body, but he who sins sexually sins against his own body." If God says our bodies are sacred and pure, why are we doing things to destroy his precious creation? Did you know that once we have sex, we lose our purity and wholesomeness? Teens let's avoid at all cost destroying our precious bodies! Let's show God respect by cherishing the body he gave us. Refrain from premarital sex!

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