

Grade 10 Types of Writing Review

Directions: Use expository, persuasive, descriptive or narrative to label each paragraph below. Next, identify the topic sentence of each paragraph. If there is no topic sentence, say no and state why.

Paragraph 1

The cowhands who drove longhorn cattle from Texas rangeland to market lived a harsh and lonely life. After the spring round-up, a dozen cowhands started the long drive north with about 2,500 cattle. All summer long, they drove the herd at the rate of ten to twenty miles a day toward a railroad town in Missouri, Kansas, Colorado, or Wyoming. Until early fall, they lived with the herd, working twenty hours a day and enduring fierce heat, cold, and storms.

Types of Writing

Narrative

Descriptive

Persuasive

Expository

Topic Sentence:

Paragraph 2

Almost every kind of horse seems to have gotten its name in a different way. The Morgan horse was named for Justin Morgan, who owned the first stallion of that breed. The Shetland pony has the same name as the place it came from, the Shetland Islands, which are north of Scotland. The pinto pony, with its spotted markings, has a painted look. The word pinto means "painted" in Spanish.

Types of Writing

Narrative

Descriptive

Persuasive

Expository

Topic Sentence:

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.

Types of Writing

Narrative

Descriptive

Persuasive

Expository

Topic Sentence: _____

Paragraph 4

"Over there," a tall, menacing soldier barked at us." Trembling I moved towards the door. "Please, whatever you do, don't hurt the children," teacher begged. The soldier made a swift blow to Mr. Bantu's head, knocking him out cold to the floor. In an instant teacher was gone. We were on our own now!

Types of Writing

Narrative

Descriptive

Persuasive

Expository

Topic Sentence: _____

Paragraph 5

Have you ever had a family member or close friend murdered before? I have had the misfortune of losing a loved. Because of this experience, I think that all criminals should be put to death. If you leave them, they will continue to murder people. Let's make sure crime does not continue in this country!

Types of Writing

Narrative

Descriptive

Persuasive

Expository

Paragraph 6

The sandwich was named for the Earl of sandwich, the first person to put meat between slices of bread. The saxophone was named after Antoine Sax, its inventor. Blind people often use a reading system called Braille, which was developed by the Frenchman Louis Braille. Not surprisingly, someone named Morse was the inventor of the Morse code, which is used in telegraph messages.

Types of Writing

Narrative

Descriptive

Persuasive

Expository

Topic Sentence: _____

Directions: Review the parts of a basic paragraph.

Parts of a Paragraph	Example
Topic Sentence	The coral reefs have been harmed in different ways.
Transition+ Supporting Detail 1	For example , people have broken off pieces of coral to make money.
Transition + Supporting Detail 2	Secondly , to catch more fish, people drop sticks of dynamite into the water and this has blown up parts of the reefs.
Transition+ Supporting Detail 3	In addition , water pollution has encouraged the overgrowth of sea plants that grow near coral reefs which block the sun that the algae need.
Transition+ Closing	Obviously, if coral reefs are going to serve us for future generations, we must join hands to preserve them.

