

Organize Notebook – 8 tabs

1. Assignments (_____ and _____ for current
_____ instruction & completed _____
_____)
2. Checklists (Current _____ and _____ for
_____ independent work)
3. Word Lists (As _____, keep here for _____)
4. Lesson Notes (Other _____ and _____)
5. Reading List (For _____ outside _____)
6. Graded Work (Graded _____ & _____)
7. Worksheets (Copies to be _____ and for _____)
8. Mind Benders® (Ready for _____)

Who's Who?

Brent, Chris, Pat, and Sandy are Andy's mother, father, sister, and brother.

1. Sandy, who is the oldest, is not Andy's father.
2. Brent is older than Pat and Chris.
3. Pat is not Andy's sister.

What is each person's relation to Andy?

	Brent	Chris	Pat	Sandy
Mother				
Father				
Sister				
Brother				

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Lessons 1 – 5 Paragraph Writing Checklist

At least 6 sentences per paragraph & 100 – 230 words per paragraph
(Write the number of words for each paragraph beside each paragraph.)

1. Indent & Paragraph Form
2. Type & Double space
3. Begin each sentence with a capital letter.
4. Put punctuation at the end of each sentence.
5. Subject and verb in every sentence.
6. Begin sentences with different words.
7. Title – must be taken from the last sentence.
- 8.
- 9.
- 10.
- 11.

Highlight

Introduction – Highlight topic & point of view pink

Highlight 4 supports (4 different colors – blue, yellow, green, orange)

Conclusion – Highlight topic & point of view pink

Lessons 1 – 8
Paragraph No List

1. No incomplete sentences

2. No run-ons

3. No questions

4. No exclamation marks

5. No parentheses

6. No quotations marks / quotes

7. No dialogue – conversation

8. No ...

9. No semi-colons

10. No colons

11. No contractions

12. No slang

13. No announcements

14.

15.

16.

Otters

Numerous animals require a water environment for survival, but otters are one of the few mammals with this need. Otters are equipped to thrive in a water environment, with a long slim body and short limbs with webbed paws and sharp claws. They have a soft under fur, which is protected by outer long hair that traps air, keeping them warm and dry. Many now inhabit cold waters of North America, Europe, Asia and South America. In the past, however, they have been an endangered species, since they were extensively hunted and trapped for their thick, soft fur. Typically their diet consists of primarily fish as well as frogs, crayfish and crabs, but also shellfish, small mammals and birds. All otters are capable of closing their ears and nose, enabling them to dive and swim underwater as they are traveling or hunting. Often otters are observed playfully romping among themselves, apparently engaging in lively behavior for sheer enjoyment, while making it obvious they were created to live and play in their water environment.

Titles

By using the Biographical test, people can show that the same test used to account for historical accuracy in hundreds of other documents can be used on the Bible and to discredit one means one must discredit the other.

Incredible and as well known as this phenomenon is, scientists still have no explanation for how these great balls of fire can exist.

If the irritating ringing does not stop, at least realizing the source of the problem will hopefully ease the pain and discomfort.

Basic Paragraph

1. _____ sentence – states the _____ and _____ of _____ of the paragraph.
2. _____ sentences – give additional _____ about the _____ of the paragraph.
3. _____ sentence – restates the _____ and _____ point of view of the paragraph.

Highlighting Outlines & Paragraphs

Highlight – Topic & point of view

1. Highlight topic information pink on your outline.
2. Highlight topic sentence pink on your paragraph.

Highlight – 3 or 4 main points

1. Highlight support A blue on your outline.
Highlight support A blue on your paragraph.
They should contain the same information.
2. Highlight support B yellow on your outline.
Highlight support B yellow on your paragraph.
They should contain the same information.
3. Highlight support C green on your outline.
Highlight support C green on your paragraph.
They should contain the same information.
4. Highlight support D orange on your outline.
Highlight support D orange on your paragraph.
They should contain the same information.

Highlight – Conclusion must include topic, point of view

1. Highlight concluding sentence pink on your outline.
2. Highlight concluding information pink on your paragraph.

Block Outline

Otters

1st Sentence – Topic Box: State your topic. Will be used for the 1st sentence in your paragraph.

I.

2nd sentence

A.

3rd sentence

B.

4th sentence

C.

5th sentence

D.

6th Sentence – Concluding Sentence: Restate your topic and bring an end to your paragraph.

II.

Paragraph 1:

Be Wary of the Cassowary

People would be wise not to threaten the Cassowary bird, because if they do, they might die.

Native to New Guinea, nearby islands and northeastern Australia, the Cassowary is known as the third largest bird in the world. In spite of their shyness, Cassowaries are extremely territorial and will attack if they feel threatened or if someone comes between them and their chicks. Nearing five feet tall, the bird sports an intimidating claw on its middle toe which has slashed and even killed dogs and children. Typically, a Cassowary attacks larger targets by running and giving a flying ninja kick to its victim. Although many people think they have been attacked by a Cassowary, the bird actually enjoys just running after people.

Paragraph 2:

A Thorny Little Devil

A devil lives in Australia. Deep in the desert lives a small eight inch lizard called the Thorny Devil or also, Moloch. Cone-like spikes completely cover this lizard, giving it a sharp appearance. At night dew settles on its skin and then flows through grooves in its skin where the water collects in its mouth. When it rains the lizard is able to literally suck water through its camouflaged skin. Ants make up this devil's diet and they can eat over a thousand in a day. Even with a threatening appearance, the Thorny Devil is easy going and can be held by people. Given the devil's diet, ants, and its easy going nature, it just might be the next popular pet in Texas.

Block Structure

Paragraph # 1 **1st Sentence – Topic Box:** State your topic. Use for the 1st sentence in the paragraph.

I.	
	2 nd sentence
A.	
	3 rd sentence
B.	
	4 th sentence
C.	
	5 th sentence
D.	
6 th Sentence – Concluding Sentence: Restate your topic and bring an end to your paragraph.	

II.

Paragraph #2 **1st Sentence – Topic Box:** State your topic. Use for the 1st sentence in the paragraph.

I.	
	2 nd sentence
A.	
	3 rd sentence
B.	
	4 th sentence
C.	
	5 th sentence
D.	
6 th Sentence – Concluding Sentence: Restate your topic and bring an end to your paragraph.	

II.
