

Lesson A. Choosing Two Paragraphs to Add Opening Sentences (Topic Sentence) and Closing Sentences and Outline Two Paragraphs

<> A-1. Read sample paragraphs.

<> A-2. Choose paragraphs from the ones provided and create Sentence-by-Sentence Outlines over them following these steps:

(1) Choose one or more of the paragraphs.

Basic: Two paragraphs

Extension: Three paragraphs or more

(2) Create a Sentence-by-Sentence Outline using 3-5 words per sentence beneath the paragraphs you chose following these steps:

a. Read the first paragraph to yourself.

i. **Determine the topic of the entire paragraph.**

ii. Write the topic of that paragraph on the **Topic of Paragraph line.**

b. Read the first sentence of the first paragraph and think about what it means.

i. Highlight **3–5 words** that would most help you to remember the content of the sentence.

ii. Write those **3–5 words** on the line provided for Sentence One.

iii. **Repeat these steps** for all of the sentences in the first paragraph.

c. Repeat these steps for all the paragraphs and sentences in the passage.

Meet the Characters Sample Paragraphs

Woody

There once was a little cowboy named Woody. He was a soft toy, like a rag doll, and had a string on his back that children could pull to make him talk. Sheriff Woody Pride was the title he liked the most. He loved living in Andy's toy room and being Andy's best friend and confidante. No other toy could take Woody's place---until a large, new-fangled plastic man dressed in a space suit came along. Suddenly, this Buzz Lightyear was also a favorite of Andy's. The "sheriff" was outraged at possibly being replaced by this "space toy"! He was bantering with Buzz when he knocked Buzz out the window. The pair ended up in the scary bedroom of the neighbor boy! The new space toy knew that Woody hadn't meant to do it, so they became friends and plotted how they could get away from this Sid guy! Their plan worked! They escaped. They went back to Andy as buddies rather than enemies.

Mr. Potato Head

In the corner of Andy's toy room stood a plastic, oval shaped little guy named Mr. Potato Head. This guy had tons of pieces and parts, and Andy loved to play with him, as did his mother when she was a child. (This spud had been around forever!) Mr. P spoke with a Brooklyn accent. He had this great talent of being able to maneuver parts of himself that were close to him—but not those attached to his body. Extra parts, which children loved to use to create different faces, had their own little storage spot right on Mr. Potato Head's back! All of the toys, including this funny potato guy, were scared that some day Andy would get tired of them and discard them at a garage sale or thrift store. But they didn't need to worry. Andy loved them all. Imagine his surprise and delight when a brand new toy joined the toy room! Mr. Potato head got a new wife---the lovely Mrs. Potato Head!

Woody

Woody was a cowboy rag doll with a pull string. His full name was Sheriff Woody Pride. He was Andy's favorite toy until Buzz Lightyear arrived. He grew jealous and accidentally knocked Buzz out of the window. Woody and Buzz worked together to escape from Sid. Then, they reconciled and rejoined Andy.

Paragraph One of Body

Topic of Paragraph 1 _____

Sentence 1 _____

Sentence 2 _____

Sentence 3 _____

Sentence 4 _____

Sentence 5 _____

Sentence 6 _____

Buzz

Buzz Lightyear was a Space Ranger action figure. He was Andy's newest toy. He believed he was a real Space Ranger, not a toy. He made Woody extremely jealous. He sadly realized he was not a real Space Ranger while in Sid's house. Wood and Buzz escaped Sid and became best friends.

Paragraph Two of Body

Topic of Paragraph 2 _____

Sentence 1 _____

Sentence 2 _____

Sentence 3 _____

Sentence 4 _____

Sentence 5 _____

Sentence 6 _____

Bo Peep

Bo Peep was a doll who made up part of Molly's lamp. She was named after the character in the "Little Bo-Peep" rhyme. She was one of the nicest and quietest toys. She and Woody loved each other. She was kind to him when the other toys mocked him.

Paragraph Three of Body

Topic of Paragraph 3 _____

Sentence 1 _____

Sentence 2 _____

Sentence 3 _____

Sentence 4 _____

Sentence 5 _____

<> **A-2. On the lines provided write each of your one, two, or three characters paragraphs from the Sentence-by-Sentence Outlines you created. Be sure to indent the beginning of each one and only use every other line.**

Paragraph One:

Lesson B. Outline and Write Your Essay's Opening Thesis Statement-Plus

You will not write an Opening Paragraph for this assignment. You will learn more about that in next week's assignment. You will, instead, open your essay with your Opening Thesis Statement-Plus--the Thesis Statement plus any other catchy one or two sentence opening you may desire. This will be attached to the beginning of PoB-A.

For example:

1. Question: Do you love the *Toy Story* Sidekicks Slinky Dog, Rex, and Hamm?
2. Non-Sentences: Andy. Woody. Buzz. They eventually became three fast friends!
3. Book or Movie line: Andy and Woody had a friend in each other.

<> B-1. Outline your Opening Thesis Statement-Plus (to be attached to the first PoB of your essay) on the lines provided:

<> B-2. Write your Opening Thesis Statement-Plus (to be attached to the first PoB of your essay) on the lines provided.
