

MEL-Con Paragraph Template

A Graphic Organizer to Help You Write the Best Paragraphs

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E = Evidence / Example (facts)		Con = Concluding Statement (recap / summary)
One of the themes in <u>Touching Spirit Bear</u> has do with healing and learning that forgiveness is an important part of healing		M Topic Sentence
Initially,	Transition to 1 st example	E Example Evidence
Cole is angry and hurt by the way his father and mother treated him. His father abused him and his mother allowed it to happen, just getting drunk instead to ignore the issue, but Cole learned to forgive them.		
Because Cole becomes less angry once he learns how to forgive, this shows that forgiveness helped Cole heal.		
Another example of healing	Transition to 2 nd example	E Example Evidence
is when Peter finally learned to forgive Cole, he became less sad and didn't want to kill himself anymore.		
This shows how holding on to your anger can only make you feel worse, but forgiving can help someone heal and feel better about themselves and life.		L Link to topic (explain)
Finally,	Transition to 3 rd example	
the entire community gains a sense of healing when they see that Cole has become A better person in the end through the restorative circle process.		E Example Evidence
This shows how the a group of people can even come together, forgive, and heal.		
In summation	Transition to conclusion	Con Concluding Statement Recap your 3 examples
The author of <u>Touching Spirit Bear</u> shows that forgiveness can help heal offenders like Cole, Victims like Peter, as well as the surrounding community.		

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