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English 7

Lesson: Writing your answer in a unified paragraph

There are three important parts to a paragraph.

- The first part is the topic sentence. The topic sentence tells the reader what the paragraph is going to be about. It gives the reader an idea of what to expect. It also usually answers the main question in a simple sentence.
- The second part of the paragraph is the textual evidence. The textual evidence must support your topic sentence. They must be related. The textual evidence usually is a quotation direct from the story or text.
- The third part of the paragraph is your own personal explanation and analysis of how the evidence relates to the topic sentence.

We will now use the RACE graphic organizer to help you organize your thoughts into a coherent and complete paragraph. The RACE organizer will have all three parts of a paragraph.

Your assignment: Take one of the themes that you wrote from yesterday's class work and some of the evidence you found and write a paragraph answering the following question:

Question: What is the main theme of the novel Freak the Mighty?

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Constructed Response Graphic Organizer: RACE	
R estate using words from the question.	
A nswer all parts correctly and clearly using complete sentences.	
C ite evidence for answer from passage, article, story, research.	
E xplain how each piece of evidence supports your answer.	

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