

Grade 6 English Language Arts

Week of March 1 – March 5

Lesson 5: Critical Thinking Essay – Body Paragraph 1

In a paragraph, record your ideas about how music lyrics have been used to change the world. Over the next few lessons, you will be drafting three body paragraphs that will end up in a five paragraph essay on this topic.

Don't worry - the lessons will guide you through this process, step-by-step, and you will learn about all five of the paragraphs as you go along. If you can write a paragraph, you can write an essay!

In today's body paragraph:

- think about how poetry can change the world through music, using the songs for evidence
- show how music lyrics can reflect different purposes, messages, and audiences (supported by evidence from the text)
- make deep and relevant connections to extend your thinking.

Here are some ideas on how you may structure it:

Topic sentence ideas (Of course, you will only have ONE topic sentence):

- Canadian artists and artists from around the world have _____ to encourage change.
- Music and lyrics have helped to _____.
- Poetry, through music, has _____.

Supporting details ideas:

Supporting details give specific ideas about the themes of the songs, lyrics that support your examples, and can even include how the images in the videos support the theme. The sentences below are examples of sentences you could use. Of course, you can change them around or start from scratch with your own sentences.

- The song, _____, was written for the purpose of _____. The lyrics encourage _____. For example, " _____ " and " _____ ".
- Another song, written in response to _____, is hopeful that people will _____. This is shown by " _____ ".
- The theme of the song, _____, made me think of how important the message about _____ really is for the future.

- The message was really clear when the lyrics said _____ and when the images in the video showed _____.

Concluding sentence: A clincher sentence that restates the topic sentence in a powerful new way.

Complete the following activity.

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Topic sentence:

Supporting Detail and Elaboration – Tears Are Not Enough:

Supporting Detail and Elaboration – Wavin' Flag:

Supporting Detail and Elaboration – Love Song for the Earth:

Concluding sentence: A clincher sentence that restates the topic sentence in a powerful new way.