

ELA 6 - Character & Choices Paragraph

Course: English Language Arts 6

Title: Character & Choices Paragraph

Length & Timing:

- 200300 words
- 12 classes

Text Options (Teacher selects ONE text students have read together):

1. A chapter from a class novel (e.g., contemporary realistic or adventure).
2. An Indigenous story or novel excerpt from the Authentic First Peoples Resources (Gr. 59 suggestions).
3. A short story with a clear problem and decision.

Student Instructions:

1. Answer the question:

"What important choice does the main character make, and what does this choice show about them?"

2. Write ONE detailed paragraph that includes:

- A topic sentence that restates the question and names the text.
- A clear description of the choice or action.
- At least TWO pieces of evidence (actions, words, or narration) to support your idea.
- An explanation of what this shows about the character (e.g., brave, unsure, loyal, unfair).

3. Use connecting words (for example, also, because, as a result, this shows).

Teacher Grading Criteria:

Topic Sentence (/5)

- Clearly answers the question and names the text.

Details from Text (/10)

- Includes accurate, specific examples.

Explanation (/10)

- Clearly explains what the choice shows about the character.

Paragraph Structure (/5)

- Logical order, uses connecting words.

Conventions (/5)

Total: /35