

## Response to Literature Writing

TS = Topic Sentence

CD = Concrete Detail

CM = Commentary

CS = Concluding Statement

### TS = Topic Sentence

- Top bun of a hamburger.
- First sentence of the paragraph.
- It shows the main idea.
- Usually a mildly controversial statement--something that you have to prove.

In the fairy tale *The Three Little Pigs*, the third pig is very wise.

### CD = Concrete Detail

- Meat of a hamburger.
- Support for the TS.
- Facts, quotes, examples, etc. from text.
- Evidence that supports your point & can't be argued with.

For example, remembering his mother's warning about a wolf, he builds his house out of sturdy brick.

### CM = Commentary

- Extras on a hamburger – tomato, lettuce, onions, cheese, mayo, etc.
- Your analysis, interpretation, explanation, or insight into the text.

Ratio of 1:2 For every 1 CD, you will have 2 CM's.

The wolf is unable to blow down the brick house. This shows that the third pig is smarter than his brothers, who were both eaten by the wolf.

### CS = Concluding Statement

- Bottom bun on a burger.
- Wraps up the paragraph.
- It rephrases the main idea.

The third pig outsmarts not only his brothers but the "big, bad" wolf as well.

Here it is all together:

In the fairy tale *The Three Little Pigs*, the third pig is very wise. For example, remembering his mother's warning about a wolf, he builds his house out of sturdy brick. The wolf is unable to blow down the brick house. This shows that the third pig is smarter than his brothers, who were both eaten by the wolf. The third pig outsmarts not only his brothers but the "big, bad" wolf as well.

## CHUNKING

A combination of **CD's** and **CM's** is called a chunk. Remember, use a ratio of **1:2**. For every **1 CD**, you will have **2 CM's**.

A good paragraph will also use transitions. These are words or phrases that help readers connect your ideas.

Example transitions:

Thus	Because of this	As a result
In summary	Hence	In addition
For instance	Therefore	On the contrary
Consequently	For example	Specifically

For more examples of transition words and phrases go to The University of Richmond Writing Center online.

<http://writing2.richmond.edu/writing/wweb/trans1.html>

### TWO CHUNK PARAGRAPH (8 Sentences)

Has the **Thesis/Topic Sentence (TS)** at the beginning and a **Concluding (CS) Sentence** at the end.

Includes two **CD, CM, CM**, structures (chunks) with a *transition* between.

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### LET'S ADD MORE!

### THREE CHUNK PARAGRAPH (11 Sentences)

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