

FUEL Writing Strategy Checklist

Use this checklist to make sure your paragraph is strong and complete!

F – Focus

- Did I restate the question or prompt in my first sentence?
- Did I clearly answer the question or make my point?

Example Starter:

- "The main reason is..."
- "One way the character shows courage is..."

U – Understand

- Did I show I understand the topic or text?
- Did I include keywords or ideas from the prompt or passage?

Helpful Tip:

- Use vocabulary from the text or question to show you "get it."

E – Evidence

- Did I use **text evidence** (a quote or detail) to support my point?
- Did I explain how the evidence proves my answer?

Sentence Starters:

- "For example, in the text it says..."
- "This shows that..."

L – Link

- Did I **link** my ideas back to the main point?
- Does my last sentence wrap up my thinking or explain why it matters?

Sentence Starters:

- "This proves..."
- "That's why..."
- "This connects to my main idea because..."

Final Check:

- Do all my sentences connect and make sense?
- Did I use complete sentences with correct punctuation?

FUEL Revision Checklist

Revise your paragraph using the FUEL strategy. Reread your writing and check off each box as you go.

F – Focus: Topic Sentence

- Did I clearly answer the prompt or question?

- Is my first sentence a clear topic sentence?

Revise if needed:

U – Understand: Explain the Idea

- Did I explain the topic in my own words?

- Does it show I understand the question or idea?

Revise if needed:

E – Evidence: Support with Examples

- Did I include a quote, fact, or specific example?

- Is my evidence from the text or my own experience?

Revise if needed:

 **L – Link: Connect Back**

- Did I explain what my evidence shows?

- Did I connect my example back to my topic?

 *Revise if needed:*

 **Final Check:**

- My paragraph follows FUEL.

- My sentences are complete and clear.

- I fixed spelling and punctuation.