

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.