

Family Resource Night: English Language Arts

Thank you **so much** for being here tonight!

ELA Student Learning Outcomes

- Thinking critically to determine the meaning of words and phrases, including figurative and connotative meanings
- Analyzing how the form or structure of a written work contributes to its meaning
- Determining an author's point of view/purpose in a text and analyzing how their position is developed/distinguished
- Writing to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence
- Studying representative works and considering their social and historical value, as well as present-day implications

Required Materials: Necessary materials include **pencils** and **loose-leaf paper**. It is strongly recommended students have a **folder** or **binder with page protectors** to **organize** and **reference** writing assignment feedback, reflections for growth, and their data tracker.

How Support Your Student's Personal Growth

- Encourage original, creative, and critical thinking
- Accept no excuses
- Require their best effort and a positive attitude
- Make students be their own advocates
- Enforce, echo, and uphold the classroom policies (late/absent work, conduct expectations) to produce more responsible students

How to Support Your Student's Academic Growth

- Question students often about what they have read, their learning goals, and their progress towards them
- Make the icons below your best friend!
- Track student data in WriteScore (writing) and Performance Matters (reading).
- Help them with struggling areas in NoRedInk.
- Additional articles and questions can also be found on apps/sites like Read Works and Newsela.



Write Score

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NoRedInk

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Performance Matters

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Helping with Writing at Home

- Access texts via McGraw Hill Textbook application.
- Have your student explain their thinking and what they learned to you.
- Ask them about STEEL responses (supporting idea, transition, evidence, elaboration) and elaborative techniques; these are essential to have well-written, well-supported responses to prompts.
- Students should be familiar with a variety of elaborative techniques to expand on their writing.
- To address the language use part of the writing rubric, students need to know sentence variety (appositive, participial, and items in a series) to extend sentences.
- Make sure student know how to cite evidence: "text" (author, #)
- Have students defend why they chose the text support they did; they need to know how to share their ideas rather than restate thoughts conveyed by the author.

Elaborative Technique Reference Sheet

Each elaboration example below is elaborating on the same piece of evidence using the different techniques.

EX. 1: Topic sentence: One reason that technological advancements are worth the risk is because of the medical benefits that they provide. **Evidence:** For instance, there are universities that utilize virtual reality “to teach students about human anatomy” (Wesley, 16).

EX. 2: Topic sentence: Rosa Parks is considered a hero because she changed the country by standing up for what she believed in. **Evidence:** For example, when asked to give up her seat to a white passenger on a bus, Rosa Parks refused (LaBella, 5).

Elaborative Technique	Sentence Starters or Transitions	Elaboration Example
Compare/Contrast Or Like/Unlike	Instead of... Rather than... Much like... Just like... Unlike... Opposite of...	<p>E1: Rather than these inexperienced students having to work on actual human patients or even cadavers to learn, they can instead operate and gain experiences with a fake or virtual body. This will allow them to grow and learn without hurting anyone or wasting resources.</p> <p>E2: Unlike some people of this time who were too afraid to stand up to unfair laws, Rosa Parks took a great risk. OR Just like Gandhi and Martin Luther King Jr, Rosa Parks worked for justice bravely and peacefully.</p>
Cause/Effect Or Consequence	If... Then... As a result... When... then... Due to this... The consequence is...	<p>E1: If a young college student who is new to school needs to learn about a human heart, they can log on to a computer and virtually explore the chambers and blood vessels. They will have all of the access to the organ and all of its parts without actually needing the real heart.</p> <p>E2: Due to this one brave act, Parks helped power a movement that led to equal rights for all Americans.</p>
Real World Examples	This is similar to... This is just like...	<p>E1: This is similar to a children’s hospital where doctors can practice difficult procedures on robotic children before actually performing it on a real child. This allows the doctors to make mistakes and learn from them before risking someone’s life.</p> <p>E2: This is just like in today’s culture where women are standing up and speaking out about the biased and unfair treatment they face in the workplace.</p>
Definition	If ___ means, then... _____ means...	<p>E1: If anatomy means the structure or internal workings of something, then without technology, doctors would have to learn by trial and error with real living patients. Their learning experience could cost someone their life. With virtual reality, doctors can make those important mistakes and discoveries without risk.</p> <p>E2: Refusing means she stayed seated quietly and simply did not move. This refusal was a bold act of bravery during this unfair time.</p>
Description Or Illustration	Imagine... Picture... Visualize...	<p>E1: Imagine a young college student still learning how a human brain works trying to operate on an actual person. He or she would probably be terrified of making a mistake, and this is extremely risky for the patient. Now picture this same student operating on a robotic brain, or on a virtual computer model of the brain. The second option is obviously a much safer choice, for both the doctor and the patient!</p> <p>E2: Picture her seated quietly unmoving surrounded by white passengers who were likely angry at her boldness. Such an act takes great bravery.</p>
Logic/Reasoning	When _____ happens... Obviously...	<p>E1: When people are just starting out at a job, they will make plenty of mistakes. The use of virtual reality and technology will allow these young aspiring doctors to make this mistakes without costing someone their life.</p> <p>E2: Obviously this kind of daring action would only be carried out by someone who is heroic and committed to what she believes.</p>