

## Paragraph Writing Syllabus

### Lesson 1: Basic Paragraph

Organize Notebook  
Paragraph Checklist & No List  
Note Taking – Block Outlines

### Lesson 2: How-to Paragraphs

Sentence Structure: Quality Adjectives  
Sequence Order – Block Outlines  
Poetry: Descriptive

### Lesson 3: Rewrite Parables

Sentence Structure: Adverbs  
Narrative – Block Outlines  
Poetry: Active / Personification

### Lesson 4: Rewrite Fables

Sentence Structure: Descriptive Verbs  
Expand Block Outlines  
Poetry: Concrete

### Lesson 5: Comparison Paragraphs

Sentence Structure: Homonyms  
Standard Non-block Outline  
Poetry: Alliteration

### Lesson 6: Contrast Paragraphs

Sentence Structure: Use 3<sup>rd</sup> person only  
Poetry: Alphabet Acrostic

### Lesson 7: Descriptive

Sentence Structure: Vary Sentence Length  
Poetry: Word Acrostic / Similes

**Lesson 8:** Process Sequence

Sentence Structure: No good/great/bad, big/small, happy/sad, pretty, nice, or fun

Poetry: Picture Poems

**Lesson 9:** Informative Paragraph

Sentence Structure: Introductory & Concluding Sentences

Forbidden Sentence Openers – No Here, There, This, That, These, or Those

Poetry: Single Concept / Idioms

**Lesson 10:** Concrete Descriptive

Sentence Structure: Repetitious Sentences and Run-ons - Conjunctions

Poetry: Acrostic Place / Hyperbole

**Lesson 11:** Concrete Place Descriptive

Sentence Structure: Who or Which Clause

Poetry: Haiku (word count)

**Lesson 12:** Descriptive Sequence: Mood Setting

Sentence Structure: Avoid Run-on Sentences

Poetry: Cinquain (word count)

**Lesson 13:** 2-Paragraph Shepherd's Story Rewrite

Sentence Structure: Concrete Synonyms

Poetry: Tanka (word count)

**Lesson 14:** 2-Paragraph Magi's Story Rewrite

Sentence Structure: Because Clause

Transition Phrases

Poetry: Diamante (word count)

**Lesson 15:** Figures of Speech Review

**Lesson 16:** 2-Paragraph Memory Description

Sentence Structure: Checklist Review

Overlapping Transitions

Poetry: Poetry in Motion

**Lesson 17:** 2-Paragraph Comparison

Sentence Structure: Clauses – while, when, where

Poetry: Haiku (syllable count)

**Lesson 18:** 2-Paragraph Before and After Comparison

Sentence Structure: Clauses – if, as, as if, since, although

Poetry: Cinquain (syllable count)

**Lesson 19:** 2-Paragraph Biography

Sentence Structure: Prepositional Phrases & Apostrophes

Poetry: Tanka (syllable count)

**Lesson 20:** 3-Paragraph Myth Set-up

Sentence Structure: Adverb & Participle Sentence Openers “ing/ed”

Poetry: Diamante (syllable count)

**Lesson 21:** 3-Paragraph Myth

Sentence Structure: Sentence Links

Poetry: Color – 5 senses

**Lesson 22:** 4-Paragraph Tall Tale Set-up

Sentence Structure: Add Spice – Hyperbole/Similes/Alliteration/Idioms

Poetry: Making Sense - Onomatopoeia

**Lesson 23:** 4-Paragraph Tall Tale

Sentence Structure: Review – adjectives, adverbs, verbs, prepositional phrases & clauses

Poetry: Sight - metaphors

**Lesson 24:** Introductory Paragraph 5-Paragraph Essay

Sentence Structure: Review – adjectives, adverbs, verbs, prepositional phrases & clauses

Poetry: Initial Acrostic

**Lesson 25:** Concluding Paragraph 5-Paragraph Essay

Poetry: Anaphora

**Lesson 26:** Support Paragraphs 5-Paragraph Essay

Poetry: Seasonal Acrostic

**Lesson 27:** Complete 5-Paragraph Essay Outline

Sentence Structure: Review Game

Poetry: Couplets / Quatrains

**Lesson 28:** Set-up 5-Paragraph Essay

Sentence Structure: Review Game

Poetry: Clerihew

**Lesson 29:** 5 Paragraph Essay

Sentence Structure: MLA Format & Review Game

Poetry: Limericks

**Lesson 30:** Turn in 5 Paragraph Essay

Sentence Structure: Review Game