

Name _____ Class _____

EXEMPLAR PARAGRAPH

Today's Goal

Write a complete paragraph that includes a sophisticated argument, evidence from two texts, and transitions that connect ideas. [W.1, W.2]

Today's Prompt

PROMPT: What role does conformity play in Brittany Allen's short story "Cheboygan Day"? [RL.2]

PART 1: Free Writing Journal Prompt

Directions: Answer the prompt. *10 minutes*



Prompt: There are benefits and risks to conforming. Write a journal response in which you explore the tension between following the crowd and standing apart from the crowd.

In your journal response, consider any of the following:

- Is it better to follow the crowd or stand apart from the crowd?
- Which side do you naturally lean toward: conformity or nonconformity?
- Are there certain situations in which you are more likely to conform or not conform?
- Are there times when you wish you would conform more to the group or stand more apart from the group?



PART 2: What Does a Model Paragraph Look Like?

Directions: Read the paragraph below. Then, follow this [link](#) to watch a three-minute video that explains what makes it strong. Afterwards, answer the questions. *10 minutes*

Prompt: Which type of conformity does Jason Kim experience in his memoir, “Hello, My Name Is _____”? [RL.2]

In Jason Kim’s memoir, he experiences the type of conformity known as internalization. According to Charlotte Harrison’s article “Conformity,” internalization is “when a person has actually absorbed a group’s belief system and sees it as truly their own, both publicly and privately” (Harrison 3). In other words, if you completely adopt the beliefs of a group, you have internalized their thinking as your own. Kim experiences this type of conformity after moving to the United States. Upon arriving in Missouri at age ten, Kim begins changing things to fit in. He explains, “I got rid of my fitted vests for loose-fitting basketball jerseys. I bought tickets to an Incubus concert and threw away my K-pop” (Kim 14). Kim conforms to the tastes of his new peers in order to fit in. However, he also adopts his peers’ culture at home: “At the dinner table...I stopped speaking Korean and I stopped eating Korean food” (Kim 15). This suggests that Kim has completely absorbed the values of his new American peers, both at school and in the privacy of his home. For this reason, this is a clear example of internalization.

1. What makes this a model paragraph?

2. Based on this model, what can you practice in your writing today?

PART 3: Independent Writing

Directions: Answer the short response prompt for “Cheboygan Day.” 15 minutes



PROMPT: What role does conformity play in Brittany Allen’s short story “Cheboygan Day”? In your response, use evidence from “Cheboygan Day” and Charlotte Harrison’s article “Conformity.” [RL.2]

PART 4: Check Your Work

Directions: Use the box below to check your work. *5 minutes*



Check Your Work

Highlight your **ARGUMENT** in green.

Does your argument clearly answer all parts of the prompt? Yes No I'm Not Sure

Does your argument include sophisticated vocabulary? Yes No I'm Not Sure

Highlight your **EVIDENCE** in yellow.

Do you have evidence from both texts? Yes No I'm Not Sure

Highlight your **TRANSITION WORDS OR PHRASES** in red.

Do your transitions help your reader follow your ideas? Yes No I'm Not Sure

Go back and add any missing parts of your paragraph.