

Critical Concepts 7.1B Literary Writing Lesson Plans

Turning Graphic Organizers into Writing Responses

Each of the sample responses models turning our graphic organizers into complete paragraph responses

1. **Inference sentence**
2. **Text evidence** (direct quote)
3. **Explanation of how evidence supports the analysis**
4. **Closing insight**

I Do (Teacher Model – The Road Not Taken)

The poem *The Road Not Taken* suggests that the speaker feels regret and uncertainty about his choice. Frost writes, "I doubted if I should ever come back," and "Sorry I could not travel both." These lines show the speaker wishes he could explore both paths. The imagery of "Two roads diverged in a yellow wood" reinforces the sense of being torn, while the phrase "That has made all the difference" suggests the choice changed his life in ways he still questions. These details support the inference that the speaker feels unsettled about his decision.

We Do Model Paragraph (The Marvelous Exploits of Paul Bunyan)

The story of *Paul Bunyan* suggests that he represents the strength and determination of America's frontier spirit. The text explains that he was "so tall he could step over rivers" and that "he created lakes with his footprints." These exaggerated details show that Bunyan is larger than life. The author also writes, "Babe the Blue Ox helped him clear forests" and "No task was too great for Bunyan." These examples support the inference that Bunyan symbolizes the power and growth of the American frontier.

You Do with Partner Model Paragraph (*The Moonstone*)

The excerpt from *The Moonstone* suggests that one character is hiding the truth about the diamond. Collins describes how "he shifted uneasily when asked" and "avoided looking at the stone." These details show that he is uncomfortable. The character also gave "short and vague answers," which made "other characters grow suspicious." Together, these examples support the inference that he is not being honest about what he knows.

You Do Independently Model Paragraph (*The Lost Prince*)

The excerpt from *The Lost Prince* suggests that Marco is brave and determined to fulfill his mission. The narrator explains that "he accepted the task without hesitation" and "traveled in secret, though it was dangerous." Marco also "encouraged his friend to stay strong" and "believed in a better future for his country." These details support the inference that Marco is courageous and committed to his cause.