

## Writing: Lesson 31

Today the students will be learning how to write more advanced middle paragraphs using a variety of elaborative techniques.

*The following passages will be used in this lesson:*

<p><b>Cities to Visit in Brazil</b> <b>Brazilian Carnival</b></p>
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1. Up until now we have been working on basic middle paragraphs. We learned that all 3 middle paragraphs should have T, 3A, 3B, and W. We are still going to keep this structure.
2. We are going to work on our 3-4 sentences about A and our 3-4 sentences about B.
3. Instead of just taking information from the text and making our own 3A and 3B sentences...we are now going to write quotes, paraphrase information and write some of our own thoughts and ideas. These are called elaborative techniques. In 5<sup>th</sup> grade, you have to use these throughout your essay to get a passing score.
4. Today's lesson is just going to be an overview. I want you to see what a full middle paragraph looks like using quotes, paraphrasing and own ideas. Then over the next few days I will teach you how to do each of these.
5. Let's take a look at the basic essay on Brazil using the two passages we read on Brazil.
6. If you look at the middle paragraphs, we have a topic sentence (red), 3-4 sentences about A (green) and 3-4 sentences about B (blue).
7. Just like in Section 1 of the curriculum, our middle paragraphs should have a topic sentence, then 3-4 sentences about your A (from planning sheet) and 3-4 sentences about B (from your planning).
8. Now let's look at the essay titled "Advanced Essay - Brazil"
9. Without reading any of the words, just look at the colors. The sentences highlighted in blue are quotes, green is paraphrasing and pink is our own thoughts and ideas. This is only done in our middle paragraphs. We still have 3-4 about A and 3-4 about B, but we wrote them as quotes, paraphrasing or our own ideas.  
Blue – QUOTES  
Green – PARAPHRASING  
Pink – OWN THOUGHTS and IDEAS
10. Let's study this for a few minutes (point out the following things to students)
  - There is a balance between quotes, paraphrasing and own ideas. You don't want to see too many quotes or too much paraphrasing...a balance is needed
  - Every time there is a quote or paraphrasing, we cite our source using EBT and article title (at least once in each middle paragraph).
  - When writing our own thoughts and ideas, we do not use EBT
  - Quotes have quotation marks around the part of the text that was quoted
  - Own thoughts and ideas usually come after quotes or after paraphrasing. They are not random thoughts or ideas. They are thoughts and ideas ABOUT the quote or paraphrasing that is in front of it.
  - Look at the first couple of sentences in green where I paraphrased information about the city of Brasilia being organized and the capital. Read that information that was paraphrased. Now right after that is my own thought/idea (in pink) about that paraphrased information. It is not from the text, it is just MY thought/idea about what the paraphrased information stated.

- Look in the T1 paragraph at the blue quote about the vibrant city of Rio de Janeiro. After quoting, I paraphrased from the same article. Since I took the information from the same source and I wrote the sentences back to back, I do not have to use EBT again. You will see after I quoted and paraphrased, I put my own thought/ideas/view about it based on that information.
  - Let's look at another example. Look at R2 at the first blue sentence. I quoted some information from the text about the Carnival celebrations. After I quoted, I paraphrased some information from the SAME SOURCE. So I did not have to use EBT again. As long as the sentences are back to back and from the same source, I do not have use EBT again. Then after I paraphrased about Lent and dancing on the street, I write my own thought/idea about the information I just paraphrased/quoted.
  - You don't always have to put a thought/idea after quotes and paraphrasing...but you should try to most of the time if it makes sense and flows with the essay.
  - You will also notice some sentences don't have a color. Those sentences are not quotes, paraphrasing or own thoughts/ideas. Those are just sentences that introduce the topic. Also the 1<sup>st</sup> sentence about "A"...you just want to introduce what your "A" is. Same with the 1<sup>st</sup> sentence about "B."
  - The rule to follow is one (sometimes 2) quotes(s) per middle paragraph. The rest is a balance of paraphrasing and own thoughts and ideas. Try to paraphrase at least two times in each middle paragraph.
11. Over the next few days, we will be talking about quotes, paraphrasing and own ideas. Then we will start practicing writing our middle paragraphs using these elaborative techniques.
12. Review
- A and B sentences should be quotes, paraphrasing and own thoughts and ideas
  - Should be a balance of quotes, paraphrasing and own thoughts and ideas
  - Only 1 quote per middle paragraph (sometimes 2)
  - Own thought/idea should come after quote and paraphrasing
  - You must use EBT when writing a quote or paraphrasing
13. Hand out homework assignment

### ***Basic Essay - Brazil***

Did you know that Brazil is the world's fifth largest country? Brazil is an amazing place because of the cities, the carnivals and the costumes. There is so much to learn about Brazil.

To start with, what makes Brazil such an amazing country is its unique cities. According to the text Cities to visit in Brazil, one of the important cities in Brazil is its capital named Brasilia. This city is organized well and shaped like an airplane. It became the capital of Brazil in 1960. The Presidential Palace is located in Brasilia. Another city in Brazil is Rio de Janeiro. The author states in Cities to visit in Brazil that this city is full of excitement and a place where tourists love to visit. There are beaches, mountains and even iconic statues. These cities are what help make Brazil so fascinating.

Additionally, Brazil hosts a huge celebration every year called the Brazilian Carnival. Based on the information in Brazilian Carnival, the history of this carnival started back in the 1800's. This huge party came from immigrants that celebrated before Lent. It then turned into parties and dancing on the street! The music is an important part of this carnival. In the article Brazilian Carnival it states that they blast the music of Brazil all over the streets. There is even a competition that people can enter and share their music. This is a great party that brings people together in Brazil.

Third, people in Brazil wear decorative costumes. Part of the Carnival is that the people dress up. The passage Brazilian Carnival states that they wear colorful costumes that are handmade and very bright. Some of the costumes have feathers on them and others represent certain schools. After reading Brazilian Carnival I learned that this Carnival and costumes bring different cultures together. Even though it is only seven days out of the year, the streets are always packed full of people. They love the food and music. These costumes are an exciting part of the Carnival celebration.

The cities, the Carnival and costumes are what make Brazil such a great place! I think everyone should have the chance to visit this special country at least one time in their life. It's a country with great history and lots of excitement!

### *Advanced Essay - Brazil*

Did you know that Brazil is the world's fifth largest country? Brazil is an amazing place because of the beautiful cities, the incredible carnivals and the extravagant costumes. There is so much to learn about Brazil!

To start with, what makes Brazil such an amazing country is its unique cities. One of the important cities in Brazil is its capital named Brasilia. The author states in Cities to visit in Brazil, that this city is organized well, full of new buildings and shaped like an airplane. The Presidential Palace is located in Brasilia and it became the capital of Brazil in 1960. After reading about all that this city has to offer, I am very interested in visiting one day and seeing all of the sites. Another major city in Brazil is Rio de Janeiro. Based on the information in Cities to visit in Brazil, "This vibrant city, located in southeastern Brazil, is a tourist hotspot." There are beaches, mountains and even iconic statues. This seems like a place that a lot of people would like to visit because there are so many fun things to do and see. These cities are what help make Brazil so fascinating.

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Last but not least, people in Brazil wear decorative costumes. Part of the Carnival is that the people dress up. The passage Brazilian Carnival states that they wear colorful costumes that are handmade and very bright. Some of the eye-catching costumes have feathers on them and others represent certain schools. It is obvious that this event is something that the people take pride in because they put a lot of time and effort into this celebration. After reading Brazilian Carnival, I also learned that "Carnival has the ability to merge cultures, even if only for one week out of the year, and brings people together." The streets are always packed full of people from all around the world. They all share a love of the Brazilian food and music. This may be one of the only times that different cultures come together and enjoy each other's company! This just shows how much the people enjoy being a part of this party. It is a chance for everyone to be together and have fun. These costumes are an exciting part of the Carnival celebration.

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## Homework

Directions: Look over the three middle paragraphs. Highlight or underline the quotes in one color, the paraphrasing in another color and the own thoughts and ideas in a third color. Then draw a circle around the EBT in every paragraph.

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**Source 1**

**Cities to Visit in Brazil**

1 Brazil is an enormous country located in South America. It is the world’s fifth largest country and it is home to the world’s largest rainforest, the Amazon Rainforest. The rainforest makes up for about 40% of the country’s land area. Brazil is a fascinating country to visit largely due to the fact it is a mixture of cultures, flavors, and tourist destinations. There are various cities that are popular tourist attractions.

**Brasilia**

2 Located in the Brazilian Highlands, Brasilia is a beautiful, modern city filled with new and creatively designed buildings that attracts the eye of those who love architecture. It is recognized for its’ efficient, forward-thinking city planning. It has a well-planned and organized design that resembles the shape of an airplane. Each section of the plane holds a different district such as residential and business. In 1960, Brasilia was appointed as the capital of Brazil. One significant place to visit in Brasilia is the Three Powers Square which is home to the Presidential Palace, the Congress and the Supreme Court. Another breathtaking site is the Brasilia Cathedral that has a glass roof that resembles hands reaching up to heaven.



**Rio de Janeiro**



**Tourists visit the Christ the Redeemer statue in Rio de Janeiro**

3 If you are looking for excitement and an animated lifestyle, then Rio de Janeiro is the place to visit. Rio de Janeiro is nicknamed the “city that never sleeps”. This vibrant city, located in southeastern Brazil, is a tourist hotspot. It is a frequently visited city due to its’ famous mountains, landmarks, beaches, and of course the Carnival festival. In Rio de Janeiro, Carnival is a huge celebration filled with street parties, costumes, dancing, music, and fireworks. One of the city’s most **iconic**<sup>1</sup> landmarks is the massive Christ the Redeemer statue that sits on top of Corcovado mountain. Visitors can expect to see beautiful

<sup>1</sup> **iconic** – relating to, or characteristic of an icon



**panoramic**<sup>2</sup> views of the Atlantic Ocean, picturesque beaches, and tons of opportunities to explore and have a good time.

### **São Paulo**

4 Located in southeastern Brazil, São Paulo is one of the most popular cities to visit. São Paulo is the largest city in Brazil and based on its population of over 20 million people, it is the



largest city in the world. This city is full of green parks and stunning landscapes. It is a diverse city with many ethnic groups. São Paulo is also known as a “concrete jungle” because visitors come to do business, instead of focusing on sightseeing. Brazil has the world’s third biggest economy and São Paulo is where all the business action happens. Tourists like to stop by the delicious fine-dining restaurants, sophisticated art galleries, and theatres.

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<sup>2</sup> **panoramic** – an unobstructed and wide view of an extensive area in all directions

**Source 2**

**Brazilian Carnival**

5 There is no other party in the world like Brazil’s Carnival! Rhythmic dancing, energetic music, vibrant costumes, colorful floats, joyful parades and thousands of people having a great time. People from all over the world make it a point to participate in Carnival at least once in their lifetimes. This week-long celebration boasts over 100 block parades and can be compared to Mardi Gras in New Orleans. Rio de Janeiro is party central for Carnival however it is also celebrated throughout the Brazilian states of Bahia and Pernambuco. These annual festivities usually occur 51 days before Easter.



**Carnival float**

**History**

6 Carnival celebrations started in the 1830s. Portuguese immigrants brought over the tradition of celebrating before **Lent**<sup>3</sup> began and those celebrations blossomed into street parties that became known as Brazil’s Carnival. The original celebrations entailed people soaking each other with buckets of water on the streets and throwing mud and food at each other. As you can imagine, these activities usually became unruly and led to street fights and riots. In the late 1800s Carnival became more organized. The streets of Rio de Janeiro would fill with live music, dancing, floats, dancing, street performers, and themed costumes.

8 Today, Carnival in Rio de Janeiro is heavily influenced by the poorest neighborhoods in the city called the favelas. Many of the residents of favelas attend local samba schools and participate in group performances. Every neighborhood in the city has its own street band and over 300 bands participate in the celebrations. Carnival is their opportunity to showcase months of preparation and practice.

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<sup>3</sup> **Lent** – in the Christian religion, this is an annual season of fasting and penitence in preparation for Easter beginning on Ash Wednesday



### Music

9 Carnival is not a true celebration without the tunes of samba blasting in the streets. The sounds of samba originated in the Brazilian state of Bahia but really began to flourish in Rio de Janeiro around the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Samba is considered the official music of Brazil. It awakens a warm and spirited mood and **cultivates**<sup>4</sup> lively dancing. Each year musicians enter competitions to showcase their musical masterpieces at Carnival.

### Costumes

10 One of the most colorful and eye-catching elements of Carnival are the detailed handmade costumes. A huge part of Carnival is dressing up. It doesn't matter how under-dressed or overdressed you are however the brighter the better. The samba dancers parade through the streets in lavish costumes that audiences rave about. Many of the costumes entail brightly colored feathers. Each samba school has its own themed costumes designed to represent their school. Visitors are welcome to join in on the dancing and celebrations. You don't have to be a part of a samba school to participate. **Spectators**<sup>5</sup> are encouraged to wear their own costumes and join in on the street party fun.

11 Carnival has the ability to merge cultures, even if only for one week out of the year, and brings people together. The atmosphere is thrilling and the streets are always packed with party-goers who are enjoying the sounds, the food, and the beautiful sites.

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<sup>4</sup> **cultivates** – to promote or produce

<sup>5</sup> **spectators** – a person who looks or watches; onlooker