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**Expository Paragraph Practice**

*Topic Sentence: A sentence that states the main idea of a paragraph.*

*Evidence (Concrete Details): Information (facts, statistics and examples) that supports an idea.*

*Commentary: Explanation of the way the evidence supports the topic sentence.*

*Conclusion Sentence: A final sentence that summarizes the main idea of a paragraph.*

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Below is an example expository paragraph that explains how the main character’s life changes from external forces in the movie *Up*:

Topic Sentence: In the movie *Up*, the main character’s life changes because of the external force of Ellie.

Evidence (CD) #1: First of all, she makes him a member of her club and doesn’t really give him any choice about it.

Evidence (CD) #2: Secondly, she pushes him to “walk the plank” to get his balloon, which is how he breaks his arm.

Commentary: Although this seems like a bad thing, she is really making his life more of an adventure.

Conclusion Sentence: Because of Ellie, the main character’s life is changed forever.

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Why does including evidence make this a strong paragraph?

Now you will write an expository paragraph that explains how the main character’s life changes from **internal** forces in the movie *Up*:

Topic Sentence: In the movie *Up*, the main character’s life changes because of the internal forces

of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and

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Evidence (CD) #1: First of all…

Evidence (CD) #2: Secondly…

Commentary:

Conclusion Sentence:

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How is an expository paragraph different than a narrative paragraph?