

Paragraph Assignment for Risk-Taking Activities

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After brainstorming in class, and completing a chart on risk-taking activities, write a paragraph on negative risks and consequences. On the back is a list of risk-taking activities generated by grade 7 students this year. Use the chart below to write a **draft**, and then **edit** and **write** a final copy.

<p>Thesis: Risk Taking activity <i>Explain a risk that you, or someone you know took. You could also use a risk that you have seen in the news/media with support</i></p>	
<p>Consequence # 1 Describe a consequence of the risk. (physical, social or emotional)</p>	
<p>Consequence # 2 Describe a consequence of the risk. (physical, social or emotional)</p>	
<p>Consequence # 3 Describe a consequence of the risk. (physical, social or emotional)</p>	
<p>Conclusion Explain what was learned as a result of this risk. Conclusion needs to match the topic /thesis</p>	

Paragraph Rubric

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Risks and Consequences paragraph writing assignment for The Outsiders

Criteria	1	2	3	4	5
Paragraph elements: -Thesis/Topic sentence -3 or more supports -conclusion	Four elements are missing	Topic sentence and one support only are included	Topic sentence and two supports are included	Topic sentence is supported and conclusion fits with the topic sentence well	Excellent Topic sentence that is logically supported with a thoughtful conclusion
Writing Process: -graphic organizer -edits -final copy in INK	Only the graphic organizer is handed in	Graphic organizer and final copy are the same No revisions	Evidence of some revisions in the final copy based on the graphic organizer	Evidence of careful revisions in the final copy based on the graphic organizer	Final copy shows careful revisions and thoughtful writing based on the graphic organizer
Mechanics: -spelling -grammar -punctuation	Multiple errors causing confusion	Some errors remain, causing some confusion	A few errors remain, but do not interfere with meaning	Good mechanics Minimal grammatical errors Minimal spelling errors	Excellent mechanics No spelling errors No grammatical errors
Creativity / Insight: -interesting sentences and vocabulary -holds readers interest	Minimal attempts to grab reader's attention	Some attempts to grab reader's attention but doesn't try to use effective vocabulary	Catches the reader's attention Interesting and creative Good word choices	Catches the reader's attention Very interesting and creative Interesting word choices	Attention grabbing thesis Strong, insightful supports Interesting word choices.

List generated by Grade 7 students on risk taking activities that teenagers sometimes engage in:

Smoking	Cheating	Lying	Fighting
Skipping classes	Drinking alcohol	Drugs	Betting or gambling
Stealing	Arguing with a referee	Pre-mature sexual activity	Bullying
Sending nudes	Posting inappropriate images	Not wearing helmets on ATVs, bikes, boards etc	Underage drinking
Addiction to social media or gaming	Graffiti	Vandalism	Sneaking out
Dealing drugs	Self-harm	Cutting	Sexting
Impaired driving	Animal abuse	Trespassing	Skipping school

Consequences usually fall into 3 categories:

Physical	Social	Emotional / Psychological
Breaking a bone	Being excluded	Depression
Drug overdose	Being exposed	Repeated Emotional breakdown
Getting a concussion	Shunned	Hallucination
Lung cancer	Shamed	Loneliness
Hospitalization	Social attack	Suicidal thoughts
Addiction	Losing friends	Trauma
	Being labelled	

Examples of risks and consequences in The Outsiders

Risk	Consequence
Ponyboy walks home alone after the movies even though he knows that greasers shouldn't walk alone	Ponyboy gets jumped by the greasers Scared to walk alone
Pony and Johnny "pick up" Cherry and Marcia at the Nightly Double	The girls' boyfriends (Bob and Randy) come looking for Johnny and Pony and want to get even with them
Johnny and Pony run away from the scene of Bob's murder instead of going to the police	Makes the boys look guilty (even if it was self-defense) Pony's brothers and the rest of the gang are worried about them
Soda dropping out of high school	Without a high school education, it is unlikely that Soda will be able to advance far in life, will not be able to break out of the greaser situation
Smoking (many greasers and Socs)	Damaging their health Expense of cigarettes, money that could be used for more important things (groceries, rent, saving for a higher education)