

EXPOSITORY PARAGRAPHS

IN PARTNERS: FOR THE WIN

- 1. Take your envelope.**
- 2. Remove the strips of paper**
- 3. Organize them to make sense—Topic sentence, supporting details, conclusion!**

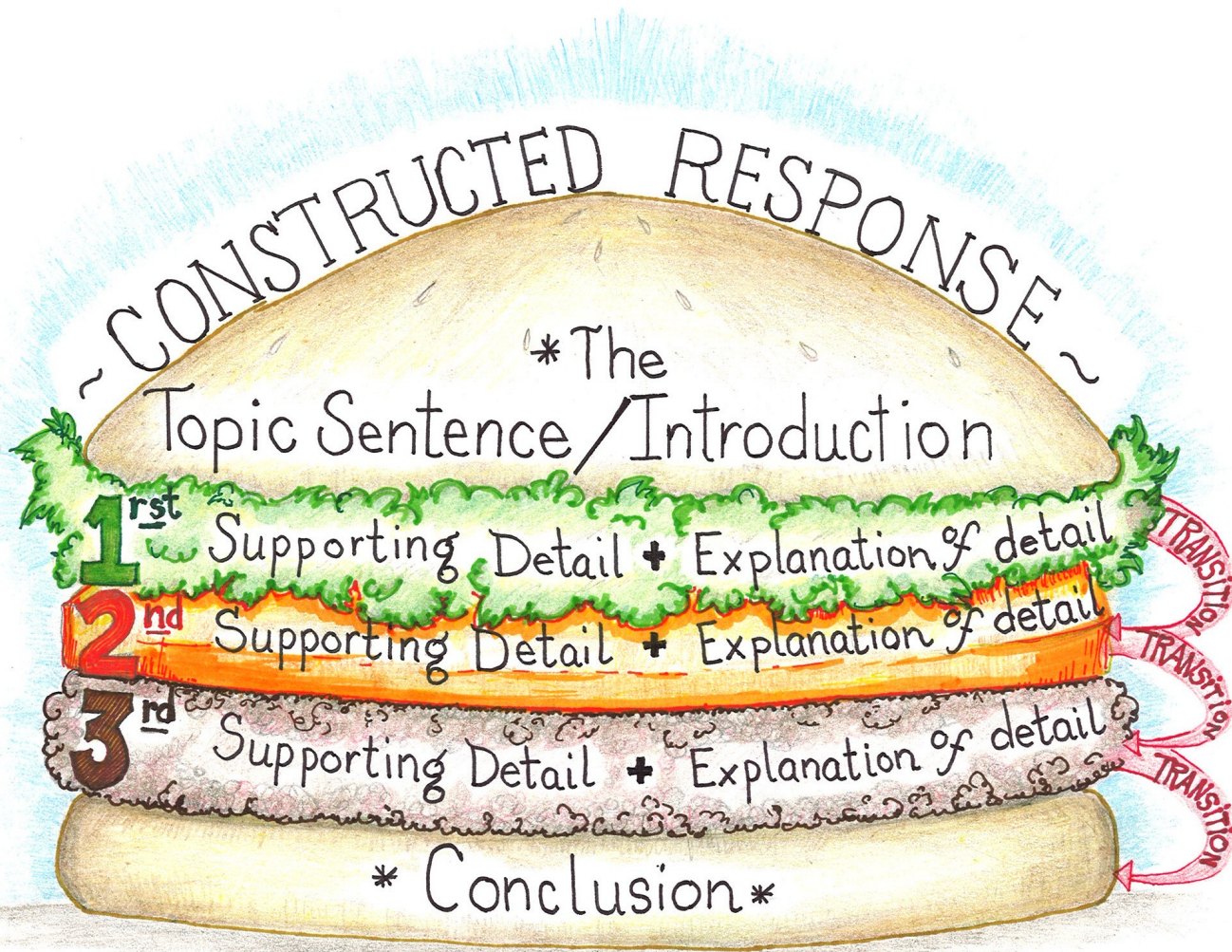
EXPOSITORY PARAGRAPH: WHAT?

- Another word for *expository* is *explanatory*.
- An expository paragraph gives information.
 - You can *explain* a subject.
 - You can also give *directions* in an expository paragraph.
- *Most* of the papers you write in high school are expository—so
PAY ATTENTION 😊

IT'S IN THE DETAILS:

- The details are KEY in an expository paragraph/essay.
 - Every sentence needs to provide information about and support for the topic
 - None of the details are irrelevant.
- THINK! Consider deleted scenes from movies—say whaaat?

GETTING ORGANIZED:



1. INTRODUCTION: AKA “TOP BUN”

Your introduction needs to accomplish two things:

1. Hook your reader’s interest
 - a. E.g. “Do you want to build a snowman?”
 - b. E.g. Many people believe Poodles are dumb.

2. Explain what your topic is (topic sentence or thesis)
 - a. However, contrary to popular belief, Poodles are actually one of the smartest breeds of dogs, second only to the Border Collie.
 - i. Soooo what is my paragraph going to be about?

2. THE BURGER: AKA THE BODY

- Once you have stated your topic you need to provide **supporting details**.
- For each supporting detail explain it before transitioning to the next point.
- *Easily trainable, steadfast, and sharp-minded, Poodles flourish in human company. Even with the “frou-frou” hairdos Poodles are sometimes made to endure, they can be quite effective as guard dogs, especially the standard-sized Poodles. In fact, the “poodle clip,” was created specifically for the working Poodle, so that it could swim more effectively, while still having fur to protect its organs as it went about the business of hunting and retrieving. The Poodle also excels at training and obedience, and loves creative play time. This is what made them so popular as circus performers. However, this can be a drawback as well. If left alone to boredom, Poodles can be creative about finding ways to amuse themselves, sometimes finding trouble along the way.*

3. THE CONCLUSION, OR “BOTTOM BUN”

Your concluding sentence should serve to “tie it all together.”

- *However, as long as Poodles are properly trained and provided with adequate attention and play, they will not only prove their superior intelligence, they will likely provide their owner with great companionship as well.*
- It restates the topic (the intelligence of dogs) in different words.
- THINK! Your hamburger bun uses the **same ingredients** (topic) but it is **shaped** differently (word use).

PICK YOUR TOPIC

Brainstorm what aspect of your country/destination you will write about.

Focus on ONE section of your gathered information: geography, people, economy, tourist activities etc.

Consider:

- 1. how will you capture the interest of your audience?**
 - Question, fact/statistic, controversial statement?
- 2. What is the most logical flow of information—what facts go where?**
- 3. What details are necessary? What details are irrelevant?**