

HANDOUT O6: Connecting paragraphs together

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Paragraph 1

Topic sentence: Marsden and Tan refer to the Australian landscape to show that the Aboriginal people, as **symbolised** by the numbats, have a strong sense of belonging to the land.

Expanding sentence: This focus, which is particularly evident in the double page spread that explores the numbats' grief at the destruction of their land, indicates that belonging is an important theme in The Rabbits.

Analysis:

Concluding sentence:

Paragraph 2

Topic sentence: The importance of belonging as theme in The Rabbits is reinforced through Marsden and Tan's exploration of family connections.

Expanding sentence:

Analysis:

Concluding sentence

HANDOUT O6A: Connecting paragraphs together (aided analysis)

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Analysis:

The numbats' grief is introduced through the **repeated** use of **rhetorical questions**.....
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Repeated reference to loss in those rhetorical questions,,
contributes to the desperate **tone**, in turn emphasising that the numbats are distraught to realise their
belonging to the land is being challenged.

- Also discuss:
- Symbolism of the black background.
 - Positioning of the rabbits and numbats.

Concluding sentence:

Paragraph 2

Topic sentence: The importance of belonging as theme in The Rabbits is reinforced through Marsden and Tan's exploration of family connections.

Expanding sentence:

Analysis:

Focus on the '... and stole our children' page and discuss:

- Positioning, and how this shows that the rabbits are powerful.
- Colour, and how this symbolises the rabbits' evil.
- How the numbats' size is a symbol for how small they feel when their connections to their children are challenged.

Concluding sentence

HANDOUT O6B: Connecting paragraphs together (extension)

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Question: Attempts to sever important connections are showcased in both The Rabbits and 'Invasion Poem'. Explain how the two texts explore this important idea in different ways.

Paragraph 1 [focus on The Rabbits]

Topic sentence: Your topic sentence should reference both texts and identify a difference.

The Rabbits and 'Invasion Poem' both articulate the profound challenges to belonging to people and place experienced by Aboriginal people, however The Rabbits evokes emotion through images whereas 'Invasion Poem' is reliant upon cleverly executed **metaphor**.

Expanding sentence: Your expanding sentence should identify your focus moment in The Rabbits and link to the question.

Analysis:

Concluding sentence:

Paragraph 2 [focus on ‘Invasion Poem’, explaining how it looks at the same idea in a different way]

Topic sentence: Your topic sentence should differentiate ‘Invasion Poem’ from The Rabbits and flag how it approaches a shared idea in a different way.

Expanding sentence: Identify your focus.

Analysis:

Concluding sentence