



# Fitting in at GOMS

## Paragraph Assignment



**DIRECTIONS:** Think of all the discussions we've had about "Remember who you are," "Family Traditions," "Africans coming to America," "The culture in Rocklin," and your experiences at Granite Oaks Middle School. Look over all your charted information about "Remember Who You Are" and "Rocklin Culture." Now pull all this information together and write a paragraph that clearly explains the following: "What are the three main things you would tell a new student (new to Rocklin) they would need to do in order to fit in at Granite Oaks Middle School?" Make sure that you consider as many ideas as possible but focus on the three most important that a brand new to the area and school student would need to know.

You may talk about anything that you experienced so far this year as it pertains to Granite Oaks Middle School. Make sure you choose wisely, support your points with specific information/situations that actually occurred, and give enough details that a person who is not in this class would understand exactly what you mean/are trying to say.

Remember to follow the paragraph format, using identifiers and transitions.

100%



TS: (TS) There are so many things a new student would need to consider when coming to GOMS, but there are three that stand out the most. OR: (TS) After being at GOMS for 4 months and growing up here, there are a few key pieces of advice I would give a new to the area student that would help them fit in at this school.

**\*\*\*USE THE SPACE BELOW TO BEGIN YOUR PRE-WRITING. JOT DOWN SOME IDEAS THAT MIGHT WORK; THEN USE THE BACKSIDE TO COMPLETE YOUR PRE-WRITING!\*\*\***

# Pre-Writing Sheet

This doesn't count as your paragraph!

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Period \_\_\_\_\_

Topic/Question: Why? How? What?

Topic Sentence (Part of topic, say something, and # of reasons):

(1<sup>st</sup> Pt.) \_\_\_\_\_,  
Transition word,

Example Sentence #1a (explains the PT)

Example Sentence #1b (shows/proves the 1<sup>st</sup> EX)

(2<sup>nd</sup> Pt.) \_\_\_\_\_,  
Transition word,

Example Sentence #2a (explains the PT)

Example Sentence #2b (shows/proves the 1<sup>st</sup> EX)

(3<sup>rd</sup> Pt.) \_\_\_\_\_,  
Transition word

Example Sentence #3a (explains the PT)

Example Sentence #3b (shows/proves the 1<sup>st</sup> EX)

Concluding Sentence (In short, Therefore, All in All, Consequently, In summary):  
(CS) \_\_\_\_\_

Pick  
just  
one of  
these!

(PT) Transitions: (First, Second, Third), (One, Two, Three), or (To begin with, Next, Finally)