

Hamburger Paragraph as Exit Tickets: Samples

Hamburger Paragraph Prompt Question: How do stars form?

Student Answer 1: I'm going to tell you about the formation of stars. First, stars come from clouds brought together by gravity. Second, as the clouds collapse, the density and temperature increase. Third, the temperature and density will rise higher and higher at the middle of the cloud where a new star will form. I thought that stars formed just like that (FAST) and now I really know and I am happy.

--Mistica, 5th grade

Student Answer 2: Stars form in the following way: Hydrogen and helium were distributed in space during the "Big Bang." Clouds form that are brought together by gravity. The center of the cloud begins to fuse the atoms. The star is now formed. I thought there were way more steps when making a star.

--Teresa, 5th grade

Work with a partner to compare and contrast these two writers' hamburger paragraphs. Which writer's explanation makes the most sense to you and why? Whose paragraph was easier to follow and why? What's one thing one of these writers did that you might also try when you write your hamburger paragraph?

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Hamburger Paragraph Prompt Question:

At what point does the need to win become so important that a game stops being fun?

Student Answer 1: Sometimes the need to win becomes so important that a game stops being fun and becomes about something else. Once someone starts playing a game, they can become addicted to winning. If they continue to win, they find “attractive” things they get as rewards. Then they begin to play for the rewards and forget about the fun in it. I think games should be about having fun and yes you could like winning, but don’t get obsessive.

--Guadalupe, 6th grade

Student Answer 2: It stops being fun when everyone expects you to win. You’re afraid that everyone would be mad at you. Also, you feel pressure when everyone is looking at you, and you keep losing, and you don’t feel good. I think that people in this position should relax and hope for the best.

--Juby, 6th grade

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