

Activity

- 1 Study the table on the previous page carefully, and then identify the kinds of the following paragraphs. Give reasons for your choice.

Paragraph 1

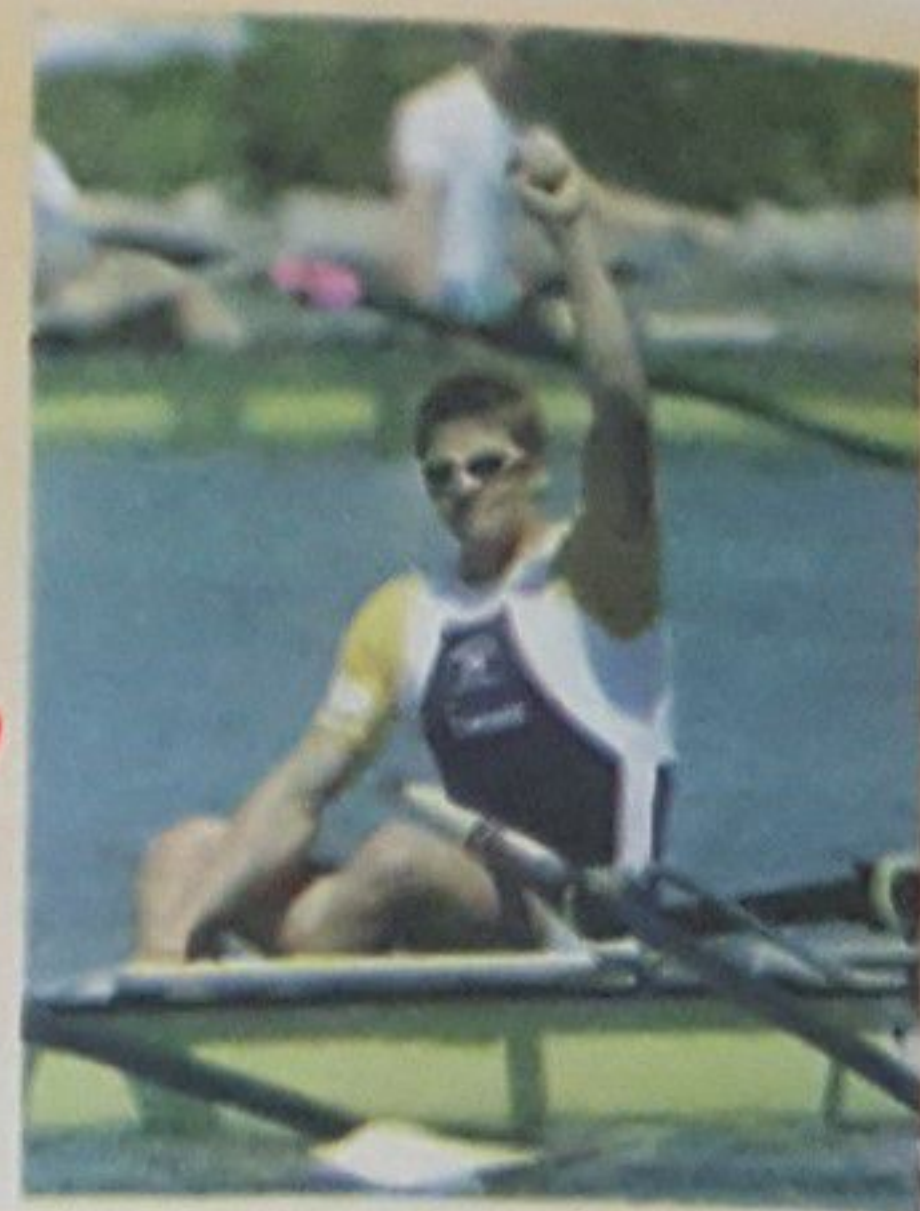
The Suez Canal and the Panama Canal have similar histories. Today many tourists visit both canals. The same Frenchman, de Lesseps, controlled the initial building of both canals. The Suez Canal was begun in 1859 by the Suez Canal Company. This company was controlled by the French. Likewise, the French bought a Colombian canal-building company in 1881 in order to build the Panama Canal. Americans finally finished that canal. In the end, however, both canals finally came under control of the countries in which they are located. Egypt gained control of the Suez Canal in 1957 by fighting France and Britain. Panama gained control over its canal peaceably in 1977. These similarities took place about 20 years apart and provided the world with two important waterways.



Kind of paragraph: Comparison

Paragraph 2

It is easy to be a winner. A winner can show his joy publicly. He can laugh and sing and dance and celebrate his **victory**. People love to be with winners. Winners are never lonely. Unlike winners, losers are the lonely ones of the world. It is difficult to face defeat with **dignity**. Losers cannot show their disappointment publicly. They cannot cry or **grieve** about their defeat. They may suffer privately, but they must be composed in public. They have nothing to celebrate and no one to share their sadness.



Kind of paragraph: *Contrast → between winners & losers*

Paragraph 3

Late one Sunday afternoon, I was returning from a weekend trip to St. Louis. I was driving, and my two closest friends were asleep in the back of the car. We were traveling north on a four-lane divided highway. **On the outskirts of Elmhurst** the highway splits into two lanes to Collinsville and two lanes to University City. I was heading for University City. I approached the split carefully. Suddenly, another driver decided to change his direction, and he **swerved** from the Collinsville lane to the University City lane. He drove his car directly in front of me. I hit the brakes hard in order to avoid a **collision**. I had some very anxious moments, but I learned an important lesson. One must drive **defensively**.



Kind of paragraph: *Narration (First Person)*

- 2 Read the paragraphs below, and underline the transition signals which show the type of the paragraph development. Finally, state the kinds of the paragraphs.

1 Classification → still

There are several basic methods of reasoning. Inductive reasoning begins with the specific and moves to the general. Deductive reasoning begins with the general and moves to the specific. Comparison (or analogy) studies likenesses and differences. Cause and effect reasoning analyzes results growing out of a given set of circumstances. Still another method of argumentation is to cite the statements of acknowledged authorities on the subject under discussion. This might be called argument by authority.

2 Effect → because of - since - consequently

Some scientists warn that the gradual warming of the Earth's atmosphere, known as the Greenhouse Effect, will cause dramatic changes in the world as we now know it. First of all, because of the increase in temperature of up to 10 degrees Fahrenheit by the end of the next century, which some believe has already begun, there will be changes in existing patterns of agriculture. Such fertile areas as the U.S. Great Plains may become deserts, while the now arid lands in Saudi Arabia may become grain-producing farmland. Secondly, since rainfall patterns will change, water supplies in some areas will diminish. Experts predict, for instance,



that the rice fields in southeast Asia will someday require irrigation to sustain crops. Changes in water levels will also be responsible for altered living patterns. Coastal areas, such as Florida and the Netherlands, will experience

such a dramatic rise in water levels that they will fall below sea level and become uninhabitable. In other areas, like the Great Lakes, water levels will fall; consequently, they will no longer be able to support industry with energy supplies and a ready means of transportation. Since

most experts on the Greenhouse Effect are convinced that it is irreversible, they advise us to plan now for how best to cope with a changing world.