

Context – Background information, explanation of the situation, explains what is going on, preparing the reader to better understand the evidence, also introduces entire report and each new section, adds transition between pieces of evidence and a reminder of the Controlling idea. Context is generally common knowledge and does not need a citation of the source.

Example: Japan is an island nation near China and South Korea.

Elaboration - explaining evidence in more detail, supports controlling idea better. Helps reader understand more.

Reflection/Analysis – Shows evidence of thinking on the part of the writer. Connects evidence to controlling idea. Acts as transition to other sections. Shows why/how evidence is important.

Example: This is important because it shows how positive silent movies can be to kids' development.

Example: It seems that kids in Vermont benefit from watching silent movies.