YEAR 9 ENGLISH

TEEL Paragraphs

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Model TEEL Paragraph

(T) In the novel, the author presents the city as a place of isolation rather than opportunity. (E) Although the protagonist moves to the city hoping to find success, she quickly becomes lonely and disconnected. (E) This is shown when she describes the crowds as 'a river of strangers who never looked up'. The metaphor of a river suggests people are swept along without making real connections. (L) Through this imagery, the author challenges the idea that cities offer a better life.

Match each TEEL element to its purpose.

1.	Topic sentence	●	● **a)** a quote or example from the text
2.	Explanation	●	● **b)** connects back to the topic or essay question
3.	Evidence	●	● **c)** states the main idea of the paragraph
4.	Link	●	● **d)** develops and expands the idea

Choose the best answer.

5. Which is the strongest topic sentence?
   - (a) I think the book was good.
   - (b) The author shows that loyalty can be dangerous when it is blind.
   - (c) This book is about loyalty.

6. Which is the best way to introduce evidence?
   - (a) Quote:
   - (b) This is shown when the narrator describes...
   - (c) Here is a quote:

7. Analysis of a quote should...
   - (a) explain the effect of specific words
   - (b) repeat the quote
   - (c) summarise the plot

Your turn.

8. Write a TEEL paragraph: 'How does a text you have studied show the importance of friendship?'

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1. c) states the main idea of the paragraph
2. d) develops and expands the idea
3. a) a quote or example from the text
4. b) connects back to the topic or essay question

Choose the best answer.

5. b) The author shows that loyalty can be dangerous when it is blind.
6. b) This is shown when the narrator describes...
7. a) explain the effect of specific words

Your turn.

8. Answers will vary. Example: T: [Author] shows that friendship gives people strength in difficult times. E: When [character] faces..., their friend... E: This is shown when... The word '...' suggests... L: Therefore, the text suggests friendship is essential to overcoming adversity.

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