

Journal 1 Return and Review

**INDIVIDUALS CAN ACT AS AGENTS
OF CHANGE.**

let's talk.

change

What it means ☺

Individuals can act as agents of change means:

A single person can bring about or cause change for themselves and for others.



Elements of a GREAT response!

- clearly defines “agents of change”
- explains briefly why it’s true or not
- provides examples that relate to above definition
 - more on this later...
- examples are specific, but not essays:)
- examples flow naturally because they relate
- writing is careful and flows well
- student closes response in a thoughtful way-- doesn’t leave the reader hanging
- barely any errors



The dreaded PERSONAL PRONOUNS...

- You should AVOID using personal pronouns in your writing. There are ABSOLUTELY ways around it! (esp. when you're responding to literature.)
- Words to avoid: I, me, my, our, we, us, etc.
- Phrases to avoid: I think, in my opinion, I believe, I (dis)agree, my perspective, we know, etc.



Remember... saying, "I think that the statement is true" is the same thing as saying, "The statement is true."

If you are writing it, then obviously you think it! 😊

Let's fix it....

- Original Writing:

"What I think this statement means is that one person can change our lives."

- How can we fix it?

- Original Writing:

"I agree with this statement because I believe that a single act can make a big difference."

- How can we fix it?

Stating and Justifying your opinion...

- You always needs to state your CLAIM (your opinion) at the beginning of your writing so that the reader knows what your focus is.
- In THIS case, you had to explain the definition of the statement AS WELL AS whether or not you agreed with it.



Stating and Justifying your opinion...

"Individuals cannot act as agents of change because they need a large group of people to change anything; if they're by themselves, no one will listen. That an individual can act as an agent of change mean any one person can change the world. I disagree with this statement because an individual can lead or motivate a group to create change, but alone, they can't do anything of lasting significance.[...]"

Rating: 1 (*perfect*) 2 3 4 5 (*ineffective*)

Stating and Justifying your opinion...

"Individuals can act as agents of change. I think this means that an individual can change."

Rating: 1 (*perfect*) 2 3 4 5 (*ineffective*)

Stating and Justifying your opinion...

"Individuals can act as agents of change is a very important statement. It means that one person can make a difference in the world and stand up for what they believe and make a change. I agree with this because I think that if one person speaks up and say they want a change it would encourage others to do the same."

Rating: 1 (*perfect*) 2 3 4 5 (*ineffective*)

Stating and Justifying your opinion...

"Individuals can be agents of change. I agree with this because people have changed things."

Rating: 1 (*perfect*) 2 3 4 5 (*ineffective*)

Stating and Justifying your opinion...

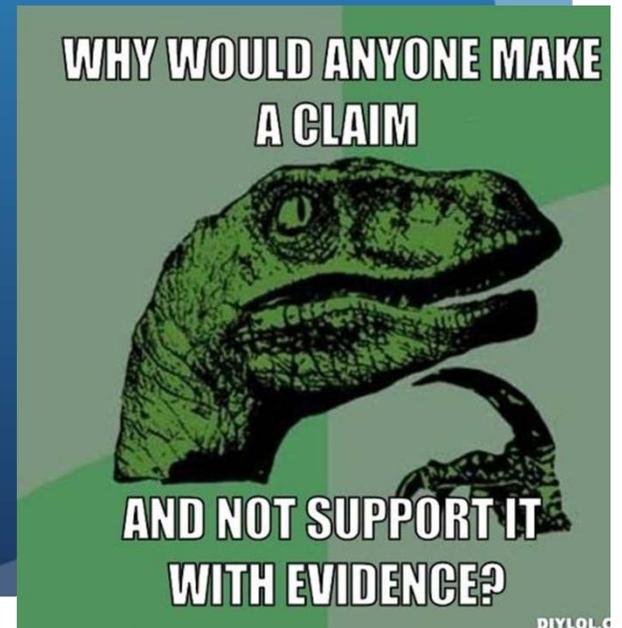
“Each individual has the potential to change how someone thinks or acts. Individuals can act as agents of change.”

Rating: 1 (*perfect*) 2 3 4 5 (*ineffective*)

Using APPROPRIATE supporting details...

What makes a supporting detail appropriate?

1. It has to prove your topic sentence! In other words, it has to be RELEVANT!
2. It has to be SPECIFIC!!! (i.e. specific name, idea, situation, etc.)
 1. You should always include at least 2 - 3!



Let's discuss it...

Read the below peer response. Then, let's discuss the supporting details!

"[...] One example of this is Dr. King because he wanted to prove a point, so he started the march on Selma. Another example is Ben Franklin. He discovered electricity and opened up a great amount of new ideas. Finally, is Bill Gates. Bill Gates created Microsoft which is used by many, although he could never have done that without Ben Franklin discovering electricity.[...]"

Rating: 1 (*perfect*) 2 3 4 5 (*ineffective*)

Let's discuss it...

Read the below peer response. Then, let's discuss the supporting details!

"Pope Francis is our latest example of change in the Catholic community. He hopes to change the world's view on poverty, climate change, and immigration. His visit to the United States was to motivate the people and the congress and the United Nations. His relationship with all people all over the world may influence positive change."

Rating: 1 (*perfect*) 2 3 4 5 (*ineffective*)

Let's discuss it...

Read the below peer response. Then, let's discuss the supporting details!

"For example, scientists want to invent/create new things to our world."

Rating: 1 (*perfect*) 2 3 4 5 (*ineffective*)

Let's discuss it...

Read the below peer response. Then, let's discuss the supporting details!

"Tim Berners-Lee has changed the world by "inventing" the internet. Steve Jobs started Apple. Malala Yousaufazi changed the world by standing up from the Taliban and fighting for her right to be educated."

Rating: 1 (*perfect*) 2 3 4 5 (*ineffective*)



Let's now transition to transitioning...



- You **HAVE** to transition between your ideas, otherwise they sound **DISCONNECTED & CHOPPY!** (*and while chopped salad is the BEST, chopped writing is not! ☺*)
- *When to use a transition word or phrase:*
 - *You should ALWAYS use transitions when ending one idea and moving on to another, **as well as** in between different topics*

“Individuals can bring about change for themselves and others. For example, if someone puts in just a little bit of effort in school and aren't happy with their achievement, they can start to put time and effort into their school work and make a change. Similarly, a person can make change for others by standing up for a cause. For instance, Rosa Parks fought for equal rights for African Americans by not moving her seat on the bus for a white man. All in all, individuals have shown to be effective agents of change!”

Transition Words

Words that can be used to show location:

above	behind	by	near	throughout
				to the
across	below	down	off	right
against	beneath	in back of	onto	under
along	beside	in front of	on top of	
among	between	inside	outside	
around	beyond	into	over	

Words that can be used to show time:

while	first	meanwhile	soon	then
after	second	today	later	next
at	third	tomorrow	afterward	as soon as
before	now	next week	about	when suddenly
during	until	yesterday	finally	

Word that can be used to compare two things:

likewise	also	while	in the same way
like	as	similarly	

Words that can be used to contrast two things:

but	still	although	on the other hand
however	yet	otherwise	even though

Words that can be used to **emphasize a point**:

again	truly	especially	for this reason
to repeat	in fact	to	emphasize

Words that can be used to **conclude or summarize**:

finally	as a result	to sum up	in conclusion
lastly	therefore	all in all	because

Words that can be used to **add information**:

again	another	for instance	for example
also	and	moreover	additionally
as well	besides	along with	other
next	finally	in addition	

Words that can be used to **clarify**:

that is	for instance	in other words
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