

Good Morning Board: Grade 5, Cluster 5, Module 2

The Writing Academy | HOW Responses: Similarities, Differences, and Relationships

Day	GRADUATE Stage	Yesterday We Learned	Today We Will...	Passage(s)	Supplies	Quick Think	Thinking Level
1	Gather + Reveal	Last module, we taught the balanced-evidence habit and wrote a final paired-passage response.	Name a relationship between the paired passages. Learn the HABIT: pair evidence, explain why the relationship matters.	"A Difficult Compromise" and "A Visit to the Workshop"	Passage, Pencil, Highlighter	What is the difference between listing similarities and explaining a relationship?	Foundational
2	Attempt	We named passage relationships and learned to pair evidence while explaining why the relationship matters.	Identify similarities, differences, and relationships across both passages. Practice writing about relationships, not summaries.	"A Difficult Compromise" and "A Visit to the Workshop"	Passage, Pencil, Venn diagram	How can you tell when your response has turned into two separate summaries instead of one connected explanation?	Emergent
3	Discuss + Use	We identified similarities, differences, and relationships and practiced writing about connections rather than summaries.	Write an independent HOW response that names a relationship, pairs evidence, and explains the connection using both passages.	"A Difficult Compromise" and "A Visit to the Workshop"	Passage, Pencil, Workbook	What words or phrases help a writer weave two passages into one connected response?	Visible
4	Award + Target	We wrote independent HOW responses naming relationships and pairing evidence with explanations.	Award a relationship-writing strength. Revise a response that reads as two summaries so it weaves both texts into one explanation.	"A Difficult Compromise" and "A Visit to the Workshop"	Passage, Pencil, Workbook	What is one revision move that can turn two separate summaries into a connected response?	Independent
5	Educate + Explain	We awarded relationship-writing strengths and revised summary-style responses into connected explanations.	Teach the HOW response habit to a partner. Write a final response explaining a relationship and answer the overarching question.	"A Difficult Compromise" and "A Visit to the Workshop"	Passage, Pencil, Workbook, Exit ticket	Why is it harder (and more valuable) to explain a relationship than to simply list what two passages have in common?	Reflective