

## Sample Answers

**Assignment:** Building Green: Multi-Paragraph Response

**Collection:** Differentiated Content: Information: Middle School

Use the following answers as a reference while guiding students and grading student work. Keep in mind that answers will vary and this is just one way to correctly complete the assignment.

### Plan Your Informative Essay

**Step 1.** Read the article carefully. Highlight important details in **YELLOW**.

Review the Reading & Prompt
<p>What is the main idea of the reading?</p> <p>People in Côte d'Ivoire are building schools from recycled plastic blocks.</p>
<p>What is the prompt asking you to do?</p> <p>This prompt asks me to write an Informative Essay about how the new recycling project helps solve two problems in Côte d'Ivoire.</p>

**Step 2.** Use quotes and your own words to complete the Planner. Consider your **YELLOW HIGHLIGHTS**.

### Introduction

**Hook:** Grab your readers' attention.

It might be hard to imagine, but you can build a classroom from plastic trash! OR Abidjan, the biggest city in Côte d'Ivoire, creates more than 300 tons of plastic trash each day! OR more than 1-½ million children don't go to school in Côte d'Ivoire.

**Central Idea:** State the big idea your essay will be about.

The article explains that people in Côte d'Ivoire are recycling their plastic trash into building blocks to build more schools.

**Transition Sentence:** List the two topics you will focus on in your body paragraphs.

The new project helps solve the plastic trash problem by recycling more of the trash. The new project also helps solve the problem of not having enough schools, by building more classrooms.

## Body Paragraph #1

**Topic Sentence:** State the main idea of this paragraph.

The new project is helping Côte d'Ivoire solve its plastic trash problem by recycling more of the trash into building blocks.

### Text Evidence: What the Article Says

One quote that supports this topic is "Côte d'Ivoire's biggest city, Abidjan, creates more than 300 tons of plastic trash a day, and only about 5% of it is recycled."

Another quote that supports this topic is "UNICEF says it takes about five and a half tons of plastic to build a classroom."

### Text Analysis: What This Quote Tells Me

This quote tells me that Côte d'Ivoire has a big plastic trash problem.

This quote tells me that the new project helps solve the plastic trash problem by recycling more of the trash into plastic blocks for building classrooms.

## Body Paragraph #2

**Topic Sentence:** State the main idea of this paragraph.

The new project is helping Côte d'Ivoire improve children's access to education by building more schools with the recycled plastic blocks.

**Text Evidence: What the Article Says**

One quote that supports this topic is "According to UNICEF, more than 1½ million children in Côte d'Ivoire don't go to school. One reason is that there aren't enough classrooms."

Another quote that supports this topic is "At press time, UNICEF had built 27 classrooms in Côte d'Ivoire. It plans to have 528 built by the end of 2021."

**Text Analysis: What This Quote Tells Me**

This quote tells me access to education is a problem in Côte d'Ivoire.

This quote tells me that the recycling project is helping to improve access to education in Côte d'Ivoire.

## Conclusion

**Restate your main idea using different words.**

In conclusion, the article "Building Green" explains that recycling plastic trash into building blocks is helping to reduce the plastic trash problem and help kids go to school in Côte d'Ivoire.

**End with a question or final thought to leave readers thinking about what you wrote.**

Imagine what else we can do with unwanted items and trash. Imagine how other communities can solve their problems by coming up with creative solutions. Imagine if every new building were made from recycled plastic blocks.

**Step 3.** Click 'Check & Submit.' Then draft your Informative Paragraph.

Fill in information from your Planner to write your Informative Essay.

## Building Green

It might be hard to imagine, but a classroom can be built from plastic trash!. The article "Building Green" explains that people in Côte d'Ivoire , a country in Africa, are recycling their plastic trash into building blocks for building classrooms. This essay will tell about how this recycling project helps the country solve its plastic trash problem and its problem with access to education.

One problem the recycling project helps solve is Côte d'Ivoire's plastic trash problem. The article states that Cote d'Ivoire's biggest city "creates more than 300 tons of plastic trash a day, and only about 5% of it is recycled.". But this new project helps solve this problem by recycling more of that trash into plastic building blocks.

Another problem the recycling project helps solve is a lack of access to education. According to the article, there aren't enough classrooms in Cote d'Ivoire to educate all the children. However, using the recycled plastic blocks, the community will be able to build more than 500 classrooms so that more children can go to school.

In conclusion, the article "Building Green" explains that recycling plastic trash into building blocks is helping to reduce the plastic trash problem and helping kids go to school in Cote d'Ivoire. Imagine what other problems around the world could be solved by recycling trash!.