

## Sample Answers

**Assignment:** Safe Travels: Single-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 Paragraph

**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>Wildlife crossings are a way for animals to safely cross roads without getting hit by cars.</p>
<p>What is the prompt asking you to do?</p> <p>This prompt asks me to write an Informative Paragraph explaining the topic in the article.</p>

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

## Introductory Sentences

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

One interesting fact about wildlife crossings is "We now have close to 5,000 deer and elk going through the undercrossings," she says. "All of these animals were potential accidents."

**Topic Sentence:** State your main idea and tell what you plan to write about.

The article tells about wildlife crossings, which are bridges and underpasses that let animals safely cross roads and highways.

**Body Sentences: List quotes and details to support your main idea.**

Text Evidence: What the Article Says	Text Analysis: What the Quote Tells Me
<p>One quote that gives a key detail is "The Federal Highway Administration says more than a million roadway accidents involving animals happen in the U.S. each year."</p>	<p>This quote tells me how cars are a big problem for animals in the wild.</p>
<p>Another quote that gives a key detail is in Banff National Park in Canada, "38 underpasses and six overpasses, or bridges" have already been built. "Parks Canada says the crossing system has reduced collisions with wildlife by more than 80%."</p>	<p>This quote tells me that wildlife crossings are already helping solve the problem in Canada.</p>
<p>Wildlife crossings are now being built all over including Arizona, Utah, Wyoming, Washington state and even India.</p>	<p>This tells about the plans to build more of them in different places around the world.</p>

### Concluding Sentence

Restate your main idea using different words.

In conclusion, wildlife crossings are a good way to solve the terrible problem of animals being hit by cars when they try to cross highways for migration or other reasons.

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

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

## Safe Travels

One interesting fact about wildlife crossings is that in Washington state, 5,000 deer and elk are using wildlife crossings to safely cross the highway. "All of these animals were potential accidents," according to Patty Garvey-Darda, a wildlife biologist. The article "Safe Travels" tells about wildlife crossings which are bridges and underpasses that let animals safely cross roads and highways. The problem described in the article is that wildlife can get hit by cars when trying to cross the roads. "The Federal Highway Administration says more than a million roadway accidents involving animals happen in the U.S. each year.". Wildlife crossings are helping to solve this problem. In Banff National Park in Canada, "38 underpasses and six overpasses, or bridges" have already been built. Also, wildlife crossings are now being built all over including Arizona, Utah, Wyoming, Washington state and even India. In conclusion, wildlife crossings can help solve the terrible problem of animals being hit by cars when they try to cross highways for migration or other reasons.

