

Feedback Examples

How might you respond to...

- *A student who writes this paragraph as part of a paper on education for African Americans*

The African Americans made up about 30% of our total population at the time, therefore, educating them leads to the creation of more influential and skillful people who have the ability to make an impact on the country. The freedmen schools created products that arose to become some of the most influential people in the nation's history. Out of some of these prestigious freedmen schools such as "Howard University, Atlanta University, Hampton College, Morehouse College," (Henderson, 1993) and many more like these came some of our country's finest leaders. One man in particular that comes to mind named Booker T. Washington, a man born into slavery who graduated from Hampton University in 1876 (Templeton), was indeed one of the more important leaders in our country among all others white or black. After his graduation from Hampton, Washington founded the Tuskegee Institute in 1881 which under his leadership became one of the most important forces in black education (Templeton). Many schools for the blacks withstood harsh conditions and penalties to continue teaching. There were a number of leaders in important fields such as medicine, science, and education who graduated from schools like Howard University.

- *This student's response in a forum based on a rubric indicating that responses are graded on quality, timeliness, understanding and references to source material and grammar and style*

I feel that traditional textbooks are more beneficial. I feel this way because personally when I use a textbook I like to underline and highlight, something that is most likely impossible to do on a digital textbook. I think that digital textbooks will also permit students to be on other websites not having to do with the class while they are using them. For some people it is also a lot easier to read paper for a while versus a computer type of screen or whatever type of electronic the digital textbook would be on.

- *These student sentences*

The present-day definition of civil rights deviates greatly from Dr. King's definition. It promotes unfair advantages for minorities. Advocates teach minority youths to feel entitled to everything – an education, a home, food on the table. These are all things that must be worked for.

What women went through was not suffrage, it was punishment for Eve's sin. And that is why women should not have the right to vote.

- *Answers to students developing math problems*

Prompt: Explain why the Hindu-Arabic numeration system has the zero property.

note The zero property means the system has a way of representing nothing and/or a digit which acts as a place holder.

- Answer 1: The system has the zero property because there are numbers with zeros in them.
- Answer 2: The zero property means that the system has a way of representing nothing, so the Hindu-Arabic system has the zero property.
- Answer 3: The zero property means that the system has a way of representing nothing. In Hindu-Arabic we represent nothing as "0" so the Hindu-Arabic system has the zero property.

Prompt: Write a story problem for $(7 - \frac{1}{2})$.

- Answer 1: I had seven cookies. My brother ate half of a cookie. How many cookies do I have left?
- Answer 2: I had seven cookies. My brother ate half of my cookies. How many cookies do I have left?
- Answer 3: Kelly and Aaron went to the zoo. In the reptile house they were counting how many snakes they saw. They saw a python, a cobra, a king snake, a corn snake, a boa constrictor, and a black snake. They also saw half of an anaconda that was sleeping under a rock. Aaron said they saw seven snakes in total, but Kelly argued that the anaconda didn't count as seeing a whole snake because they only saw part of it so she said it should only count as half. How many snakes would Kelly say they saw?
- Answer 4: If I have seven and take away $\frac{1}{2}$ how much do I have left?
- Answer 5: Brian is taking a math test. One of the problems is very tricky but Brian wants to get a good grade. If the tricky problem is $7 - \frac{1}{2}$, what should Brian put as his answer?