

RTW Paragraph Worksheet for Mitchell

A. Critically read and annotate your source.

B. List main ideas from the annotations on your source(s):

- History of the Sisters of St. Joseph
- Empowerment
- Needs of the Time
- Hubs of hospitality
- Lacemaking for prostitutes
- Dear neighbor without distinction
- Helping women rise out of their bad situations
- Helping wherever they lived
- Connection to St. Kate's
- Ministries
- Modern day Catholicism
- Meeting the needs of the time
- Values

C. Choose the three most important ideas from your source(s):

1. history
2. values
3. ministries

D. Write your paragraph using the following formula:

Complex, topic sentence:

Sister Joan Mitchell captures the spirit of the dynamic community of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet when she connects their history, values and ministries.

CER #1:

Claim (simple sentence): The Sisters of St. Joseph have a history built on service to their communities.

Evidence (quote): “houses were to be hubs of hospitality, caring, and outreach to our neighbors” (p. 8).

Rationale (compound/complex sentence). With their beginnings in 17th century France teaching prostitutes how to support themselves making lace, the Sisters began a humanitarian response to their community’s needs that has persisted.

CER #2:

Claim (simple sentence): A constant force throughout their history has been the Sisters’ enduring values.

Evidence (quote): “hospitality and caring, concern for the dear neighbor without distinction, addressing the needs of the time, and striving for excellence” (p. 8).

Rationale (compound/complex sentence): As a testament to these values, the Sisters have worked to empower students through providing access to higher education, including educational opportunities at the two campuses of St. Catherine University.

CER #3:

Claim (simple sentence): The Sisters’ innovative spirit is evident in their ongoing ministries.

Evidence (quote): “In the past thirty years, sisters have developed new ministries that offer sites for volunteer work, internships, and mentoring programs” (p. 11).

Rationale (compound/complex sentence): The Sisters’ dedication to progressive community outreach extends into counseling programs that serve abused women, single mothers and struggling addicts.

Conclusion (relates back to topic sentence): The Sisters of St. Joseph have built a legacy and a hopeful future by committing to enduring values that drive them to respond to the needs of the time.

Now, present your entire paragraph here with transitions, signal phrases and reference added where necessary—additions have been highlighted:

Sister Joan Mitchell captures the spirit of the dynamic community of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet when she connects their history, values and ministries. Undoubtedly, the Sisters of St. Joseph have a history built on service to their communities. According to Sister Joan Mitchell (2014), even at the time of the creation of the order, the Sisters' "houses were to be hubs of hospitality, caring, and outreach to our neighbors" (p. 8). With their beginnings in 17th century France teaching prostitutes how to support themselves making lace, the Sisters began a humanitarian response to their community's needs that has persisted. In fact, a constant force throughout their history has been the Sisters' enduring values. The Sisters have identified four values that have been the foundation of their work: "hospitality and caring, concern for the dear neighbor without distinction, addressing the needs of the time, and striving for excellence" (Mitchell, 2014, p. 8). As a testament to these values, the Sisters have worked to empower students through providing access to higher education, including educational opportunities at the two campuses of St. Catherine University. Finally, the Sisters' innovative spirit is evident in their ongoing ministries. As Mitchell (2014) described: "In the past thirty years, sisters have developed new ministries that offer sites for volunteer work, internships, and mentoring programs" (p. 11). The Sisters' dedication to progressive community outreach extends into counseling programs that serve abused women, single mothers and struggling addicts. The Sisters of St. Joseph have built a legacy and a hopeful future by committing to enduring values that drive them to respond to the needs of the time.

Reference

Mitchell, J. (2014). All women can be: The spirit of the Sisters of St. Joseph.
<https://www.stkate.edu/pdfs/orientation-all-women-can-be.pdf>