



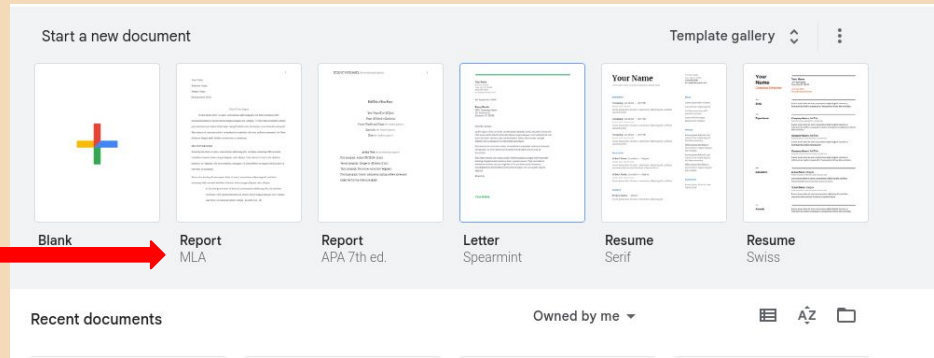
Rural Voices

Analysis Paragraph

Step 1: Set Up Your Document



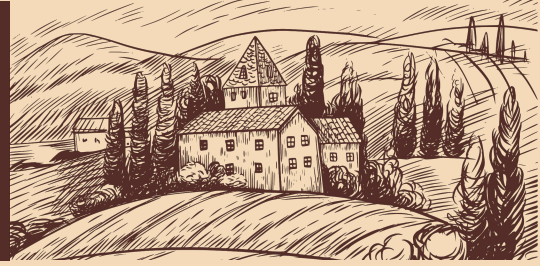
1. Go to Google Docs.
2. Select “Report MLA” from the Template Gallery at the top of the page.



3. Fill in the Heading with the correct information, change the paper title to “Short Story Title” Analytical Paragraph, and delete the fake writing.
4. Go to the assignment in Google Classroom and add this new document to it.



Step 2: Develop a Thesis



What does this story say about culture and belonging in rural places?

- In “Story Title” by Author’s Name, rural places are revealed to be _____.
- In “Story Title,” Author’s Name shows how rural places can be _____.
- In “Story Title,” Author’s Name portrays rural places as _____.

Culture is an umbrella term which encompasses the social behavior, institutions, and norms found in human societies, as well as the knowledge, beliefs, arts, laws, customs, capabilities, and habits of the individuals in these groups.

Step 3: Add Evidence



Provide two specific examples from the text that support your thesis statement.

- One example of this is..
- Another example is..
- This can be seen when..
- This is further proven when..
- This is illustrated by..
- Bybee develops this idea through..
- Additionally..



Step 4: Add Commentary



Commentary is where you “comment” on your evidence, explaining why it’s important and how it supports your thesis statement.

- These examples show..
- This illustrates..
- This proves..
- This is important because..
- These details are important because they show..
- What this implies is..

You can weave your commentary among your evidence as needed.

Step 5: Conclude

Based on your own experiences and opinions, do you think that the story “Fish and Fences” is an accurate representation of rural places?

Why or why not?

