Expository Strategy for Support

Each reason must have an explanation, definition, description, personal experiences, or other elaboration techniques as a means of clarification.

LET’S EXAMINE SOME EXAMPLES--
Ways to Elaborate

Explain: Tell what you mean. Use a clarification statement.

This color is not right for you. **In other words, you look dull as a dirty sock in beige.**

You look dull as a dirty sock in beige. **In other words, this color is not right for you.**

A clarification statement must be able to be read both ways.
Elaboration Techniques

Clariﬁcation

Example

Addition

Compare/Contrast

Cause/Effect

Describe

Concretely

Describe

Figuratively

Clarify statement:

- Explain what you mean
- In other words,
- Basically,
- To clarify,
- To make things more clear,
- By this I mean,
- More specifically,
- (_________)

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Toni Morrison’s photo, “Kids with Signs,” attests to the ______ that occurred during school integration. **Clarification transition**, it shows . . .

If you can talk it off a map, you can write it off a map!

Practice “talking off” an opinion statement and clarification statement for the photo.