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
  - Figuratively

Statement
- Explain what you mean
  - In other words,
  - Basically,
  - To clarify,
  - To make things more clear,
  - By this I mean,
  - More specifically,
  - (_______)
Opinion Statement & Clarification Statement

- 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.

I don’t know. My buddies talked me into this. They said it would be fun. It’s not, but these guys are my friends and friends are more important than strangers. Even if they’re wrong. Aren’t they?
Toni Morrison’s photo, “Elizabeth Eckford Crossing Street,” *demonstrates (big idea)* which occurred during school integration.

(Clarification transition), . . . .