**ACES to Analyze**

The following ACES paragraphs were written by students in response to the following prompt:

**What can readers infer about Sumerian beliefs based upon the interactions**

**between the gods and humanity within “The Story of the Flood” (29-31).**

Read the student samples, then complete the following directly on this page:

1. **Identify the parts of the ACES response.**
2. **Identify one area where the student succeeded (organization of ACES elements, transitions, integration of textual evidence, deep commentary, etc.)**
3. **Recommend 2 areas for improvement.**
4. **Revise and edit one of the responses as you see fit directly on the page.**

**Student Example #1**

In “The Story of the Flood” by N.K. Sandars, Sumerian beliefs are based off of the interactions between the gods and humanity. To begin with, the author writes, “reed-house, reed-house! Wall, O wall, hearken reed-house, wall reflect; O man of Shurrupak, son of Ubara-Tutu; Tear down your house and build a boat, abandon possessions and look for life, despise worldly gods and save your soul alive. Tear down your house, I say, and build a boat.” (Sanders 29). Sumerian’s beilive that the god’s control the fate of humans, and in this case Utnapishtim’s fate is to survive the flood and with a little warning from Ea. In addition Sanders translates, “Nergal pulled out the dams of the nether waters, Ninarta the warlord threw down the dikes.” (Sanders 30). This is the cause if human’s overpopulated a city that the Sumerians believed. And they fear the gods for their power to control anything. In conclusion, the Sumerian’s beilived that the god’s control fate of people, cities, and even nature. If the Sumerians don’t respect the god’s, they will be exterminated.

**Student Example #2**

In “The Story of the Flood” translated by N.K.Sandars the fiction reading shows the reader that the ancient Sumerians believed that the Gods wanted all of mankind deceased. To begin with the example “the uproar of mankind is intolerable and sleep is no longer possibly by reason of the babel.” (29) clearly shows Enlil and the other Sumerian gods crave to see mankind become non-exhistan for their uproar. Another example “Ninurta the warlord threw down the dikes, and the seven judges of hell, the Annunaki, raised their torches, lighting the land a vivid flame” (30) also shows the Annenaki Gods set fire to the land destroying everything that could shelter the humans. In conclusion this old Sumerian story shows that the Sumerians believed their Gods wanted all of mankind dead for being intolerable.