

## Sample Responses for Charting “Solidarity and Support”

¶	Key Words and Phrases	Content (essential information)	Author’s Style or Craft (stylistic devices)
1	young adults; returning home	The author observes a societal shift: More young adults are returning to live at home with close relatives.	In the first two sentences, the author references the Great Depression and the 1960s, which helps to put her topic in historical context and highlights the recent trend of young adults returning home in greater numbers. These references could be considered both a compare-and-contrast and a sequential/chronological order organizational pattern. The author also uses sentence variety. Notice how the complexity of the second-to-last sentence juxtaposes with the simplicity of the last sentence, in which the author states her thesis.
2	economic storm; benefit for young and old	Multigenerational living is one solution to help Americans weather the recession.	The author uses specific evidence to back up her observations from the first paragraph as well as spending more time explaining her overall argument. The word choices of “lifeboat,” “economic storm,” and “emotional minefields” evoke contrasting feelings of safety and hidden dangers.
3	camaraderie between parents and children	While some argue that multigenerational living prolongs adolescence, it can actually improve relations between parents and adult children.	The author employs a counterargument in this paragraph. This gives her the opportunity to directly address her critics.

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4	save money; assist parents	There are financial benefits for parents and children in multigenerational living.	The author uses specifics (such as average student debt) as evidence to back up her points. This makes her argument more convincing.
5	solidarity; money	Multigenerational living in the United States is a beneficial configuration that will last.	The author concludes by not only reviewing the main benefits of multigenerational living, but also projecting trends into the future. This is a good strategy because it emphasizes the importance of her topic and why the reader should care. The use of quotes ("I'm still here") to underscore a young adult's commitment to remain at home contributes to the seeming permanence of the new situation and strengthens the author's conclusion.