



浙江省新高考英语写作



概要写作实例讲解 5

The development of gardens



Summary writing process:

Step 1 : Read for the main idea of the whole passage

**Step 2 : Analyze the structure of the whole passage
(What's the relationship between each paragraph?)**

Step 3: Locate (确定) the main idea of each paragraph

Keep important details / Leave out unimportant information

Step 4: Write the summary in your own words (language)

请阅读下面的文章，确定文章的主题及结构：

The modern garden has a history going back many thousands of years. Early humans were hunters and gatherers, travelling from place to place following the food (plants and animals) according to the seasons. During the Neolithic period (over 10,000 years ago) this slowly began to change; humans started to domesticate certain plants, which meant they could remain in one place and grow their own food. The first “garden”, was a vegetable-garden, where early humans cultivated different types of plants for food.

Gardens today are beautiful places to go and relax, but have had many purposes over the years. In the past they were planted to honour the gods, or used in religious ceremonies such as funerals and weddings. Certain trees were also sacred in some cultures; The ancient Greeks planted groves for their Gods, and many cultures believed gardens were holy.

They were also a way to show that their owners were rich or powerful. Ancient rulers created huge gardens to display their wealth. In Roman times the garden became an extension of the house, representing the owner’s status in society, rather than a holy place.

Sir Francis Bacon described gardens as “the purest of human pleasures.” Pleasure and happiness are ideas linked with gardens. The ancient Greeks believed growing food was a job for the poor, but gardens were places for enjoyment and contemplation. The English word paradise comes from the ancient Persian word Pairidaeza – meaning a walled space, a garden. The gardens of the Middle East, described in The Arabian Nights, were places of great beauty and splendour where people enjoyed the pleasures of life.

As gardens have developed over the years, design and beauty have become more and more important. Humans have learnt to control nature and to design gardens precisely, like a work of art or a building. The Gardens of Versailles in France are an excellent example of “garden architecture”, everything is symmetrical and even the trees are pruned to fit in with the design. Carefully planned or not, gardens are still beautiful and relaxing places to visit. On a fine day you might even find a little part of paradise, if you look hard enough.



1. Main idea of the whole passage?

The history and development of gardens

2. The structure of the passage?

Para. 1: the start of gardens

Para. 2 , 3 & 4 : the different purposes of gardens over time

Para. 5 : the development of garden designs making gardens works of art

段落大意及要点分析 Para.1

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说明: 红色划线部分是本段的主题：花园有几千年的历史。蓝色划线部分是支持主题句的重要信息：起源及原因。

Para. 1 段落大意可概括为：

Gardens have a long history starting from early humans' growing plants for food in a settled place thousands of years ago.

Gardens were first created in the Neolithic period when humans started to domesticate plants for food.

Many thousands of years ago, humans started to grow plants to produce food, creating the first gardens.

段落大意及要点分析 Para. 2 & 3 & 4

- ① Gardens today are beautiful places to go and relax, but have had many purposes over the years. In the past they were planted to honour the gods, or used in religious ceremonies such as funerals and weddings. Certain trees were also sacred in some cultures; The ancient Greeks planted groves for their Gods, and many cultures believed gardens were holy.
- ② They were also a way to show that their owners were rich or powerful. Ancient rulers created huge gardens to display their wealth. In Roman times the garden became an extension of the house, representing the owner's status in society, rather than a holy place.
- ③ Sir Francis Bacon described gardens as “the purest of human pleasures.” Pleasure and happiness are ideas linked with gardens. The ancient Greeks believed growing food was a job for the poor, but gardens were places for enjoyment and contemplation. The English word paradise comes from the ancient Persian word Pairidaeza – meaning a walled space, a garden. The gardens of the Middle East, described in The Arabian Nights, were places of great beauty and splendour where people enjoyed the pleasures of life.

说明: 这三段话的内容同属于一个主题：从前人们种植花园的目的或功能。红色划线部分是主题句，蓝色划线部分是重要信息：花园的三个功能。其它内容是对花园三个功能的解释，为次要信息。

Para. 2 & 3 & 4 段落大意可概括为：

Over history, people have planted gardens for religious purposes, as a symbol of wealth and status as well as a source of life pleasure.

Since ancient times, gardens have had different functions, such as being used for religious purposes, displaying their owners' wealth or status and offering people pleasure and relaxation.

Gardens have evolved over time for different purposes, some religious, some representing the owners' wealth or status, and some for relaxation and pleasure.

段落大意及要点分析 Para. 5

- As gardens have developed over the years, design and beauty have become more and more important. Humans have learnt to control nature and to design gardens precisely, like a work of art or a building. The Gardens of Versailles in France are an excellent example of “garden architecture”, everything is symmetrical and even the trees are pruned to fit in with the design. Carefully planned or not, gardens are still beautiful and relaxing places to visit. On a fine day you might even find a little part of paradise, if you look hard enough.

说明：红色划线部分是该段的主题：花园设计的发展形成了园林建筑，花园发展成为一种艺术作品。

Para. 5 & 6 段落大意可概括为：

With more importance attached to the garden design and its beauty and garden architecture developing accordingly, gardens have become like works of art.

Over time, people have valued gardens' design and beauty more, making gardens an art work for people to visit and enjoy.

Gardens have grown to include “garden architecture” as people pay more attention to its design and beauty.

完成概要写作:

1. 用恰当的衔接词把每段的要点连接在一起。
2. 注意词数，不超过80词。
3. 通读一遍，看要点之间是否独立，内容是否连贯，逻辑是否通顺。
4. 检查语言的表达是否准确，有无语法、拼写及标点的错误。

Possible version 1:

- Gardens were first created in the Neolithic period when humans started to domesticate plants for food. (要点1) Over history, people have planted gardens for religious purposes, as a symbol of wealth and status as well as a source of life pleasure. (要点 2) With more importance attached to the garden design and its beauty and garden architecture developing accordingly, gardens have become like works of art. (要点3)

(63 words)

Possible version 2:

- Gardens have a long history with thousands of years, starting from early humans' growing plants for food in a settled place. (要点1) Since ancient times, gardens have had different purposes, some religious, some representing the owners' wealth or status, and some for relaxation and pleasure. (要点2) Over time, people have valued gardens' design and beauty more, making gardens an art work for people to visit and enjoy. (要点4)

(66 words)

Possible version 3:

- Many thousands of years ago, humans started to grow plants to produce food, creating the first gardens. (要点1) Over time, gardens have evolved with different functions, such as being used for religious purposes, displaying their owners' wealth or status and offering people pleasure and relaxation. (要点 2) Meanwhile, gardens have grown to include “garden architecture” as people pay more attention to its design and beauty. (要点3)

(62 words)