



(1) **Identify the paragraph breaks**
by topic and
thought flow.

(2) **Record a personal summary**
of each paragraph
in a notebook or
word document.

I felt that there were
9 paragraphs
in the book of Jude.

The official **New Living**
text felt that there were
11 paragraphs.

The **ESV** and **NASB**
both had
7 paragraph breaks.

In one sense there is
no **right or wrong** answer
on how many paragraphs
there should be...

9 7 11

Inserting personal paragraph
breaks is simply a tool...



...to help force us to
organize the text by
'**focus**' and '**theme**'.



Paragraph 1 v1-v2

Jude introduces
himself, God and his
audience.

Paragraph 2 v3-v4a

Jude introduces his
purpose; stand firm
against false teaching.

Paragraph 3 v4b-v7

Jude gives a history of
what happens to those
who resist God's authority.

Paragraph 4**v8-v11**

Jude compares the
ungodly of this age
with those in the past.

Paragraph 5**v12-v13**

Jude compares the ungodly
to calamities in nature.

Paragraph 6**v14-v16**

Jude warns of the coming
judgment against those who
live against God.

Paragraph 7**v17-v19**

Jude reminds the church
that these things had been
predicted by God and his
apostles.

Paragraph 8**v20-v23**

Jude calls the believers to
action during these hostile
times.

Paragraph 9**v24-v25**

Jude closes by focusing on
what God has promised to
do and be for all believers.

(3) Specially
mark important
 people, places and
 themes.

The Ungodly

*(ungodly people, these
 people, they, their)*

50 occurrences

Marks of the Ungodly

*(scoff, sexual perversion,
 defy authority)*

33 occurrences

The Godly

*(all who have been called,
 holy people, you)*

27 occurrences

Jesus

*(Lord, Jesus Christ,
 only Master)*

20 occurrences

Comparison of the Ungodly

*(like, they are like, in the
 same way)*

14 occurrences

[8 people or places, 6 nature]

Outcome of the Ungodly

(destroyed, judgment, eternal fire)

13 occurrences

God, the Father

(God, the Father, Him)

12 occurrences

Marks of the Godly

(show mercy, rescue others, pray)

9 occurrences

[3 as a gift, 6 as commands]

Authority

(authority)

5 direct occurrences

Don't Forget

(don't forget, remember, remind you)

4 occurrences

Key Concept

They follow **their** natural instincts ...did not **stay** within the limits of **authority** but **left** the place where they belonged. (God gave)... claim **authority** ...defy **authority**.

Key Concept

A major theme was those who **'left', 'did not remain', 'did not stay'**...under God's authority.

In response, God will keep them...

- **God** has ***kept*** them securely **chained in prisons of darkness**, waiting for the great **day of judgment**.

Key Concept

A major theme was those **'stand firm' or 'defend' or 'keep [them]selves'** (stay/safe) under God's authority.

In response, God will keep them...

- **God the Father**, who loves you and ***keeps*** you safe in the care of Jesus Christ. All glory to **God**, who is able to ***keep*** you from falling away and will bring you with great joy into **his** glorious presence...

The controversy.

Some claimed that you can be kept safe under God's grace...while deny God's authority in your daily life (actions).

The truth.

You can not presume to be safe within God's grace...while denying God's authority in your daily life.

=Mark lists.

=Mark any **connecting** words that show **contrast, comparison, cause and effect.**

Lists.

There are many lists in the book of Jude...all of them very important to the message of the book.

Major List Category 1

Lists of God's actions & attributes.

who loves you and keeps you safe...May God give you more and more mercy, peace, and love. V1-2

All glory, majesty, power, and authority are his... v25

Major List Category 2

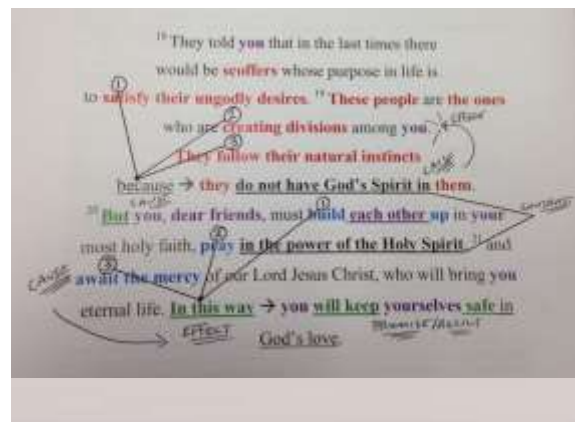
Lists of ungodly actions.

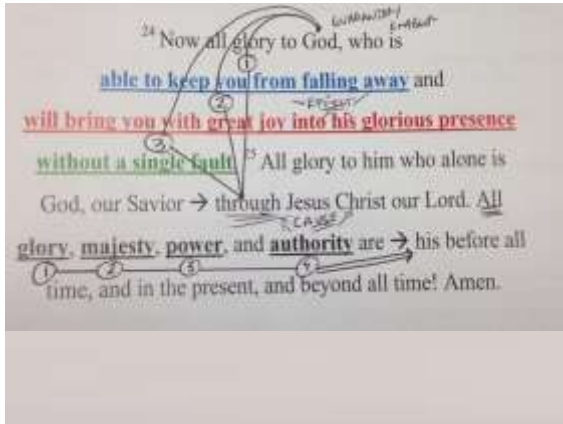
These people are grumblers and complainers, living only to satisfy their desires. They brag loudly about themselves, and they flatter others to get what they want. v16

Major List Category 3

Lists of godly directives.

...build each other up in your most holy faith, pray in the power of the Holy Spirit, and await the mercy...v20-21





=**Mark words that you simply don't know** the meaning of.

=**Make a note of any questions** that you will need to investigate.



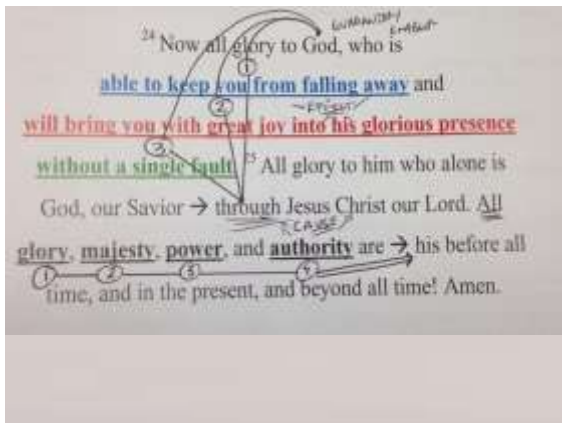
Try to **determine the meaning of words/concepts** you didn't understand
(cross-referencing, e-sword, commentaries)

Begin to try to **answer the questions** that were generated through your observation phase.

Re-write your summaries of each paragraph; if the questions you asked gave you a newer, stronger meaning of the passage.

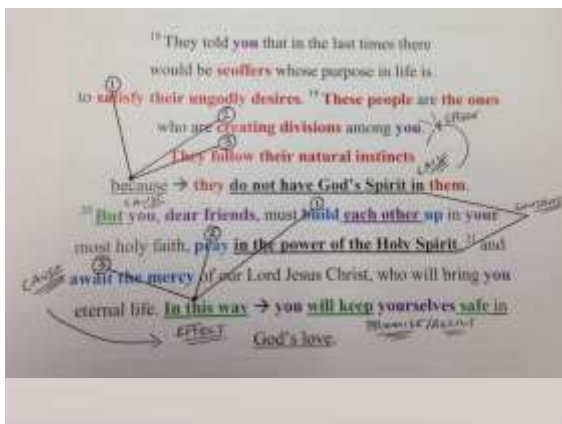
Look for concepts:
concentrate on the truth
(theological concepts)
summarize the main
theological arguments
presented.

**Summarize the main
concept being
communicated** beside
each paragraph, or when
a new one is introduced.



Example:

Through what Jesus accomplished one behalf of believers, God will keep them from falling away and will bring them into his presence without a single fault.



Example:

Because unbelievers do not have God's Spirit within them they live solely to satisfy their own desires.

Example:

Believers do have the power of God's Spirit in them and should build each other up and pray all the while they away for Jesus to return.