

Two Paragraph Outline

Paragraph 1

Topic Sentence: **What does Elizabeth Rusch help readers experience by telling the story through Steve Squyres's eyes?**

- Detail: Challenge of timeline
- Detail: Emotional- rover progress/construction
- Detail: Reactions to rovers landing

Concluding Sentence: By taking the reader through the ups and downs of Steve's emotions and reactions, the reader goes on an adventure with Steve as they learn about the Mars rover mission.

Paragraph 2

Topic Sentence: **Rusch also chooses to use short sentences and phrasing in some parts of the text to add suspense and emotion to the story.**

- Detail: "Then everything stopped. The signal was lost. The room went silent again. A long minute." (p. 26)
- Detail: "BOUNCE... way up high... BOUNCE... high to the sky again... BOUNCE... plummeting down and rebounding up again... BOUNCE... and again... BOUNCE... and again!" (p. 31)

Concluding Sentence: **The short sentences build suspense in the adventure of Spirit and Opportunity.**