


The Structure of the Paragraph (*adapted from Jane Schaffer*)

<p><u>The paragraph</u></p>	<p>The paragraph consists of a minimum of 6 sentences (in this order)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Topic sentence 2. Evidence # 1 3. Analysis # 1 4. Evidence # 2 5. Analysis # 2 6. Conclusion (transition) <p>The paragraph begins with a topic sentence. The second sentence contains evidence# 1. The third sentence contains analysis # 1. The fourth sentence contains the evidence # 2. The fifth sentence contains the analysis # 2. Finally, the conclusion (or transition) is written as the final sentence.</p>
<p><u>Topic Sentence</u></p>	<p>The topic sentence explains the topic/theme of the paragraph</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Creating a good impression is vital in applying for your first job.</i> • <i>Angles can be classified into four different categories, depending on their degree measurements.</i> • <i>Unlike earlier First Ladies, Eleanor Roosevelt established herself publicly as a force to be taken seriously.</i> • <i>During the Civil War, Tubman's determination to win freedom for the slaves was exemplified by her support for the Union cause.</i>
<p><u>Evidence</u></p>	<p>Evidence is a quote, a fact, or a paraphrase. The evidence does NOT include your opinion. It comes directly from a source (i.e., article, history, book, film, documentary, fact, video, magazine, etc).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Seeking to retrieve a ball thrown by his master, Elvis, a corgi, would "run along the beach and then jump into the water and swim at an angle toward the ball."</i> • <i>Previous First Ladies had operated behind the scenes, but in 1933 Eleanor Roosevelt seized the moment and "held the first press conference ever given by a presidential wife."</i> • <i>As a nursemaid Tubman suffered the first of many indignities when she learned that "if she fell asleep the baby's mother whipped her."</i>
<p><u>Analysis</u></p>	<p>The analysis is your opinion / thought about the evidence.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ask yourself: What COMMENT do I have about this particular piece of evidence?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is evident that Ms. Roosevelt wanted a public political forum to express her views, ideas that were clearly approved of by the President. • Facing a harsh life of dehumanizing experiences and loss of identity, Tubman learned early on that her duty was to defend herself and others. • Ultimately, she exhibited extreme bravery as she left behind family and friends for freedom.
<p><u>Conclusion</u></p>	<p>The conclusion is a summary of your paragraph (it also serves as a transition to the next paragraph).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Eleanor Roosevelt redefined her role and set the standard for modern First Ladies to follow.</i> • <i>Her choice to abandon the known for the dangers of the unknown marks Tubman as a bold risk taker.</i> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>SENTENCE STARTERS TO WRITE CONCLUSIONS</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>It can be concluded that ...</i> ○ <i>One can affirm that ...</i> ○ <i>In summary...</i> ○ <i>For this reason....</i> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>NEVER WRITE: IN CONCLUSION</i></p>

Evidence and analysis

<p><u>Evidence from a source</u></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">  </p> <p>According to the article, "....."</p> <p>The author indicates, "....."</p> <p>According to Source #1, "....."</p> <p style="text-align: center; margin-top: 20px;">When you write an analysis NEVER write "in my opinion, for me, I think, etc."</p>
<p><u>Sentence starters for your analysis</u></p>	<p>You can use the following phrases:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is convenient to indicate that ... • The previous quote indicates that ... • It is important to mention that... • This is an example of ... • This tells us that ... • As seen ... • For this reason... • As can be seen ... • It is evident that ... • This means that...

The essay

<p><u>Types of essays</u></p>	<p>There are several types of essays, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Narrative • Descriptive • Persuasive • Compare and contrast
<p><u>Essay format</u></p>	<p>The essay consists of a minimum of 5 paragraphs.</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">paragraph 1- topic/thesis- introduce the topic in a general way and include your thesis</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">paragraph 2- follows the structure of the paragraph (see first page)</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">paragraph 3- follows the structure of the paragraph (see first page)</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">paragraph 4- follows the structure of the paragraph (see first page)</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">paragraph 5- conclusion/closes theme</p>