

## Review and Edit a Literary Body Paragraph

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**Thesis:** Salva Dut displays relentless courage when he obeys the authorities in his life, extends kindness to those around him, and boldly moves forward through each dangerous obstacle.

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Though he encounters many dangers along the way, Salva dares to tackle each new challenge throughout his journey. Salva must make the courageous choice to cross the desert with little water supply. For three days, Salva took, “only tiny sips when his body cried for out for huge gulps of thirst-quenching, life-giving water” (53). Salva’s control over his tremendous thirst shows a courage of character that allows him to survive. When the Ethiopian soldiers force the refugees back into Sudan, Salva must make another courageous choice. Facing a raging river full of crocodiles, “he jumped into the water and began to swim”. Salva’s leap of faith and mighty swim highlight the courage he has. Whether crossing rivers or deserts, Salva courageously faces each life-threatening risk along his journey.

### Topic Sentence:

*Highlight the topic sentence.*

- Connects to the thesis? **Y N** Which prong? \_\_\_\_\_
- *Underline the words in the topic sentence that directly relate to the thesis prong.*
- Is it broad? (no specific evidence) **Y N**

### 1<sup>st</sup> Proof

*Label each sentence of the first proof: "A1" (assertion), "E1" (evidence), "C1" (commentary)*

- Assertion both makes a claim about courage and provides story context? **Y N**
- Quote is properly blended and punctuated? **Y N**
- Quote has in-text citation? **Y N**
- Does the commentary repeat the assertion or quote? Or same something new? \_\_\_\_\_
- Does the commentary prove *why* this is a courageous act? Or why it matters? **Y N**

Transition between 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Proof? **Y N** Circle all transition words.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Proof

*Label each sentence of the second proof: "A2" (assertion), "E2" (evidence), "C2" (commentary)*

- Assertion both makes a claim about courage and provides story context? **Y N**
- Quote is properly blended and punctuated? **Y N**
- Quote has in-text citation? **Y N**
- Does the commentary repeat the assertion or quote? Or same something new? \_\_\_\_\_
- Does the commentary prove *why* this is a courageous act? Or why it matters? **Y N**

### Concluding Sentence

*Highlight the concluding sentence.*

- Wraps up the entire paragraph and not just the second proof? **Y N**
- *Underline the words in the concluding sentence that wrap up the entire topic.*

How many "be" verbs? \_\_\_\_\_ Edit to remove all of the "be" verbs.

Repetitive Wording? **Y N**

Formal Language/No Contractions? **Y N**

At least 3 Different Sentence Openers? **Y N**