

Assertion = Tell

A statement that makes a _____, expresses an _____, or offers something to _____ about the topic.

If you are struggling to come up with two claims related to your paragraph's topic, it could be that your topic is _____ or you have included _____ in your topic sentence. Try to broaden your paragraph's topic to a more general statement.

Evidence = Show

Evidence provides concrete details or examples that _____ that you made in the assertion. But not all evidence is equally persuasive.

Stronger Persuasive Evidence

Weaker Persuasive Evidence

Commentary = Explain

With commentary, you explain _____ how the evidence supports your topic.

Commentary answers any one or more of these questions:

1. Why did you use this evidence? What makes it significant?
2. How does the evidence prove your point? or support your assertion/topic/thesis?
3. For which reason(s) should the reader should agree with you?
4. Why should the reader accept your assertion and evidence as valid?

You **DO NOT** _____ the assertion or evidence. You've already said them; you don't need to say them again.

You also **DO NOT** _____.

You provide your own _____ that connects the evidence to the assertion which in turn support the topic of the paragraph and defends the thesis statement. In this way, you

_____.

Comp Notes

Two-Proof Body Paragraph

A two-proof paragraph offers two supporting AEC proofs that support the topic sentence.

I. _____

A. _____

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

B. _____

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

C. _____

