

Comp Notes

Basic Body Paragraphs

1. Topic Sentence: A statement that introduces the paragraph's central idea. (In an essay, it ties back to the _____, specifically one of the _____.) Keep it _____ and _____. Do not add specific examples or evidence yet.
 2. Supporting Details: Statements that _____ something more specific about the topic and evidence that _____ the topic in more detail. These details clarify the topic to the reader through _____ and _____ wording.
 3. Concluding Sentence: A final statement that _____ the paragraph's topic. It _____ together and highlights how all the details support the overall topic.
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Types of Evidence

1. _____ - specific instances or details that highlight your assertion
 2. _____ - something that happened to you (must be truth)
 3. _____ - a true story that relates to your argument (not your personal story)
 4. _____ - word pictures that bring an idea to life
 5. _____ - a comparison to something (metaphor, simile)
 6. _____ - logical reasoning (usually the weakest kind of evidence)
 7. _____ - verifiable historical events, scientific theories, etc.
 8. _____ - a quote or paraphrase from an expert or reliable source
 9. _____ - numbers, percentages, data
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