

Paragraph Templates

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Template #1: A graphic organizer that you can use to organize ideas for a single paragraph in note form.

Template #2: A corresponding template that you can use to write the rough draft in complete sentences.

Note: If you need to write a multiparagraph composition, you can still use these formats for each paragraph, and then put them together.

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Paragraph Template #1: Graphic Organizer

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Topic (main idea):

Controlling idea (what you're saying about the main idea):

Ideas for a concluding sentence (restate main idea, draw conclusion, state opinion, summarize points):

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Paragraph Template #2

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Topic Sentence (*combination of topic and controlling idea*): _____

Detail Sentence #1: _____

Elaboration Sentence #1: _____

Detail Sentence #2: _____

Elaboration Sentence #2: _____

Detail Sentence #3: _____

Elaboration Sentence #3: _____

Concluding Sentence: _____

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