

## Basic Paragraph: Graphic Organizer

topic: \_\_\_\_\_

controlling idea: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

supporting detail #1

supporting detail #2

supporting detail #3

**possible transitional words and phrases**

also	furthermore	likewise
in addition	moreover	similarly
further	another reason	

## Basic Paragraph: Writing Template

Topic sentence (combine topic and controlling idea): \_\_\_\_\_

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First, \_\_\_\_\_

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Also, \_\_\_\_\_

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Finally, \_\_\_\_\_

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In conclusion, \_\_\_\_\_

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## Basic Paragraph: Proofreading Checklist

1. Underline your topic sentence.

2. Number your 3 supporting detail sentences.

3. Circle the transitional words or phrases used. There should be at least two.

4. Highlight one adjective in each supporting detail sentence.

5. Put brackets { } around any sentences that you think may be faulty in some way.

6. Underline your concluding sentence. Does it... (circle one)

a. restate the main idea?

b. draw a conclusion?

c. state an opinion?

d. summarize the information?

7. Other...