

Developing a Paragraph

1. Write a topic sentence.

A topic sentence introduces the reader to the main idea discussed in the paragraph.

INCLUDE

- A transition from the topic of the previous paragraph
- Key terms/phrases that relate to your thesis statement

DON'T INCLUDE

- New information or evidence
- A simple statement of fact
- A summary of the idea

Practice:

2. List discussion points

The discussion of the paragraph's main idea should include not only relevant information, but an analysis of how the information supports the idea.

Discussion Point: (Source:)	How it supports the main idea:
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3. Write the paragraph

Write several sentences to explain, explore, and describe the idea stated in the topic sentence. Be sure to cite any sources used in your discussion points.



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