

Body Paragraph Writing Model

This model is the plan for writing a paragraph, which each student is expected to master in Freshman English, and to continue mastery in the years beyond. There should be at least eleven sentences in the typical paragraph, and they should be the following types; refer to your definition sheet for the writing unit terms.

First sentence: The topic sentence for the paragraph, or thesis sentence if the work is a single paragraph only.

Second sentence: This sentence contains a concrete detail, usually cited.

Third sentence: This is a sentence of commentary.

Fourth sentence: This is a sentence of commentary that builds on #3.

Fifth sentence: This sentence contains a concrete detail, as above.

Sixth sentence: This is a sentence of commentary about #5.

Seventh sentence: This is a second sentence of commentary building on #6.

Eighth sentence: This is sentences contains a third concrete detail.

Ninth, tenth sentences: These sentences contain commentary building on #8.

Eleventh sentence: This is a conclusion, and should contain opinion or interpretation, NO CONCRETE DETAILS.