**Paragraphing Template**

*How to write a paragraph*

Whether writing a creative paragraph, a paragraph for an essay, or a paragraph response to a question, the basic structure remains the same.

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| **Topic Sentence** | State the **purpose** or **restate the question** in this sentence while also revealing your position. |
| **Body Sentences** | Include 3-5 sentences in which you **support your position or purpose**. You should have at least 3 points in this section. |
| **Concluding Sentence** | Close as you opened, by **restating the purpose and your perspective.** |

*Example:*

*Which sport is better: Volleyball or basketball? Explain in paragraph form.*

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| **Topic Sentence** | Restate question and assert your position. | *Basketball is the better sport for several reasons.* |
| **Body Sentences** | Make at least 3 points to support your position. | *Basketball is a better sport because there are less stoppages in play. This allows the player and the fan to remain engaged at all time. Basketball is also a faster game. In other words, players are constantly moving, and are not limited to a single position Finally, in basketball, the teams share a court rather than dividing it. This allows for constant competition between players* |
| **Concluding sentence** | Restate your purpose and close. | *Because the pace of the game and its level of competition, basketball is a much better sport than volleyball* |

Now you try:

*Should every high school student have a part-time job? Explain in paragraph form.*

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