

**Introduction Paragraph** (Broad to specific)

**Attention Grabber**

(question, anecdote, imagery, quote)

**Background Information**

(setting, characters, mindset, definitions)

**Thesis Statement**

**Body Paragraph #1 (Organize paragraph by key topics/movements of passage)**

**Topic #1 (See MELCON or UNC Models)**

**Main Idea Sentence** (tells the reader what the ¶ will discuss; relates directly back to prove your thesis)

**Evidence** (specific examples/details/quotes from the text that prove this topic and your thesis)

**Explanation** (explains how and why evidence relates to ¶'s main idea; describes specifically how that context proves thesis)

**Concluding Sentence** (pulls ideas together; returns paragraph to thesis)

**Body Paragraph #2**

**Topic #2 (See MELCON or UNC Models)**

**Main Idea Sentence** (tells the reader what the ¶ will discuss; relates directly back to prove your thesis)

**Evidence** (specific examples/details/quotes from the text that prove this topic and your thesis)

**Explanation** (explains how and why evidence relates to ¶'s main idea; describes specifically how that context proves thesis)

**Concluding Sentence** (pulls ideas together; returns paragraph to thesis)

**Body Paragraph #3**

**Topic #3 (See MELCON or UNC Models)**

**Main Idea Sentence** (tells the reader what the ¶ will discuss; relates directly back to prove your thesis)

**Evidence** (specific examples/details/quotes from the text that prove this topic and your thesis)

**Explanation** (explains how and why evidence relates to ¶'s main idea; describes specifically how that context proves thesis)

**Concluding Sentence** (pulls ideas together; returns paragraph to thesis)

**Conclusion Paragraph** (Specific to Broad)

**Recap Main Points**

(can connect/extend/comment if you want)

**Restate Thesis**

(reword/re-emphasize what you have proven)

**Clencher**

(Clench: final big idea, statement, or quote [*never use ?!*])