

**Body Paragraph # \_\_\_\_\_**

Steps in Writing a Body Paragraph	Your Body Paragraph	Teacher's Comments
<p><b>Topic Sentence (2pts)</b>                      The topic sentence should be a restatement of one of the subtopics from the introduction. The topic sentence must support the thesis. It must have only one controlling idea. Do not overcomplicate this sentence.</p>		
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<p><b>Concluding or Linking Sentence (3pts)</b>                      Conclude the body paragraph with one sentence that summarizes and restates your topic sentence, or one that links this body paragraph to the next one.</p>		