

Paragraph Structure

Topic Sentence – States the main idea / an answer to the prompt

[You might wish to clarify the topic sentence in another sentence, but it is not obligatory]

Evidence 1 – example which supports the topic sentence

Analysis of Evidence 1 – explains the evidence and clarifies how it supports the topic sentence

Evidence 2 – another example which supports the topic sentence

Analysis of Evidence 2 - explains the evidence and clarifies how it supports the topic sentence

Evidence 3 – another example which supports the topic sentence

Analysis of Evidence 3 - explains the evidence and clarifies how it supports the topic sentence

Concluding sentence – summarises the previous information in an original way

Sample

Sammy's descriptions of the A & P present a setting that is ugly, monotonous, and rigidly regulated. **[topic sentence]** The chain store is a common fixture in modern society, so the reader can identify with the uniformity Sammy describes. **[clarifying the topic sentence]** The fluorescent light is as blandly cool as the "checkerboard green-and-cream rubber tile floor" (Updike, 486). **[example 1] [integrated quote]** The usual traffic in the store moves in one direction and everything is neatly organized and categorized in tidy aisles, which emphasizes uniformity of the place. **[example 2] [explanation]** The dehumanizing routine of this environment **[explanation]** is further suggested by Sammy's offhand references to the typical shoppers as "sheep," "house slaves," and "pigs" (Updike, 486). **[example 3]**. With these regular customers who seem to walk through the store in a stupor, A&P reflects the conformist tendencies of the community **[concluding s**