

# Effective Series of Paragraphs

Use the chart below to structure both form and content for each paragraph.

<b>Introduction</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Introduce topic</li><li>• <b>Choose one side (yes/no or I agree/ I disagree). Students cannot argue both sides.</b></li><li>• Use words/phrases directly from the question in your opinion statement.</li><li>• Provide three reasons to support your opinion.</li><li>• Save the “proving” for the body paragraphs.</li></ul>
<b>Body Paragraphs</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Start each body paragraph with a clear topic sentence that relates to one of your reasons mentioned in the introduction.</li><li>• Include two supporting details/examples as proof.</li><li>• Use a closing sentence to wrap up this paragraph and try to use transitional words to lead into the next.</li><li>• You should have at least two body paragraphs which are organized in the order listed in your introduction.</li></ul>
<b>Conclusion</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Restate opinion.</li><li>• Sum up ideas.</li><li>• No new information.</li></ul>

## Writing Tips:

- Check grammar and spelling
- Do not skip lines
- Indent each paragraph clearly
- Use transitional words