Paragraph Writing

**Structure of a paragraph:**

**Topic Sentence**

* Introduce paragraph (hook) **Introduction**
* Identify main idea

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**Supporting Detail #1**

* Point, proof, explanation
* Facts, examples, reasons, opinions…

🡪 Transition **Body**

**Supporting Detail #2 (same thing)**

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**Supporting Detail #3 (same thing)**

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**Concluding Sentence Conclusion**

* Restate main idea
* Concluding remark

**Expository Paragraph**

* Point is to explain something – in this case, your opinion
* Argues a specific opinion (main point)
* Supported with evidence
* Explains how the evidence supports the main point
* Uses formal, academic language (no ‘I’ or ‘you’)