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Perfect Paragraph

for Expository Writing



Topic Sentence

✓ States the main idea or central argument to be developed throughout the rest of the paragraph

Reason or **D**etail or **F**act #1

✓ Provides a main **R**eason or **D**etail or **F**act that supports the paragraph's topic sentence
✓ Uses an appropriate transition if necessary

Elaborate - **E**xpand - provide **E**vidence

✓ Expand upon your **RDF** by elaborating with a logical argument or providing specific evidence that directly supports the topic sentence
✓ Use an appropriate transition if necessary

Reason or **D**etail or **F**act #2

Elaborate - **E**xpand - provide **E**vidence

[Repeat **RDF** and **EEE** pattern as necessary]

Concluding Sentence