**Paragraph Writing Template**

* **TOPIC SENTENCE:**

**What is the topic sentence?**

The topic sentence is the first sentence in a paragraph.

**What does it do?**

It introduces the main idea of the paragraph.

**How do I write one?**

Summarize the main idea of your paragraph. Indicate to the reader what your paragraph will be about.

**Example:**

There are three reasons why Canada is one of the best countries in the world.

* **SUPPORTING EVIDENCE:**

**What are supporting sentences?**

They come after the topic sentence, making up the body of a paragraph.

**What do they do?**

They give details to develop and support the main idea of the paragraph.

**How do I write them?**

You should give supporting facts, details, and examples.

Example:

There are three reasons why Canada is one of the best countries in the world. First, Canada has an excellent health care system. All Canadians have access to medical services at a reasonable price. Second, Canada has a high standard of education. Students are taught by well-trained teachers and are encouraged to continue studying at university. Finally, Canada's cities are clean and efficiently managed. Canadian cities have many parks and lots of space for people to live.

\*\*\*Write four to six sentences to provide SUPPORTING EVIDENCE to your paragraph. Remember that they have to give details to help develop and support the main idea of your paragraph.\*\*\*

**CLOSING SENTENCE:**

**What is the closing sentence?**

The closing sentence is the last sentence in a paragraph.

**What does it do?**

It restates the main idea of your paragraph.

**How do I write one?**

Restate the main idea of the paragraph using different words.

Example:

There are three reasons why Canada is one of the best countries in the world. First, Canada has an excellent health care system. All Canadians have access to medical services at a reasonable price. Second, Canada has a high standard of education. Students are taught by well-trained teachers and are encouraged to continue studying at university. Finally, Canada's cities are clean and efficiently managed. Canadian cities have many parks and lots of space for people to live. As a result, Canada is a desirable place to live.