

## **Body Paragraphs: Follow the format below to write a developed body paragraph.**

Your body paragraphs should follow this basic format:

**TS** (topic sentence) This sentence identifies the topic of the body paragraph and must connect to the thesis.

**CD #1** (concrete detail) This is your cited fact which must start with a signal phrase and may end with a PD.

**CM** (commentary) This is your analysis and explanation of how your CD proves your thesis.

**CM**

**CD #2** (concrete detail) This is your second cited fact which must start with a signal phrase and may end with a PD.

**CM** (commentary) This is your analysis and explanation of how your CD proves your thesis.

**CM**

**CS** (concluding sentence) This sentence should summarize the entire paragraph.

## **How to Write a Concluding Paragraph**

1. Start by restating your thesis.
2. The next four sentences should summarize your two body paragraphs. Look at your concluding sentences. If you wrote them correctly, those sentences should summarize your body paragraphs and will connect to the original thesis. You will rewrite these sentences and add any additional commentary to develop your concluding paragraph.
3. Do NOT include any new information in this paragraph. All of your cited CDs belong in your body paragraphs.
4. Do not add any extra spaces between the second body paragraph and the concluding paragraph.