

CHECKLIST

Body Paragraphs

A GOOD TOPIC SENTENCE WILL...

- ☐ be a single, declarative sentence
- ☐ convey the main idea of the paragraph
- ☐ be precise – use precise and specific words
- ☐ be brief – only include important information
- ☐ be clear

A GOOD EXAMPLE WILL...

- ☐ support the topic sentence and thesis statement
- ☐ include facts, quotes, and details
- ☐ be directly related to the main point in which you are trying to establish

A GOOD EXPLANATION WILL...

- ☐ be written in your own words
- ☐ link the example to the topic sentence
- ☐ help link multiple examples together
- ☐ present the audience with thought-provoking information

A GOOD TRANSITION WILL...

- ☐ logically link one topic to another
- ☐ inform the reader that you have additional points to make
- ☐ lead into the next body paragraph