

Build strong body paragraphs

Essay thesis statement:

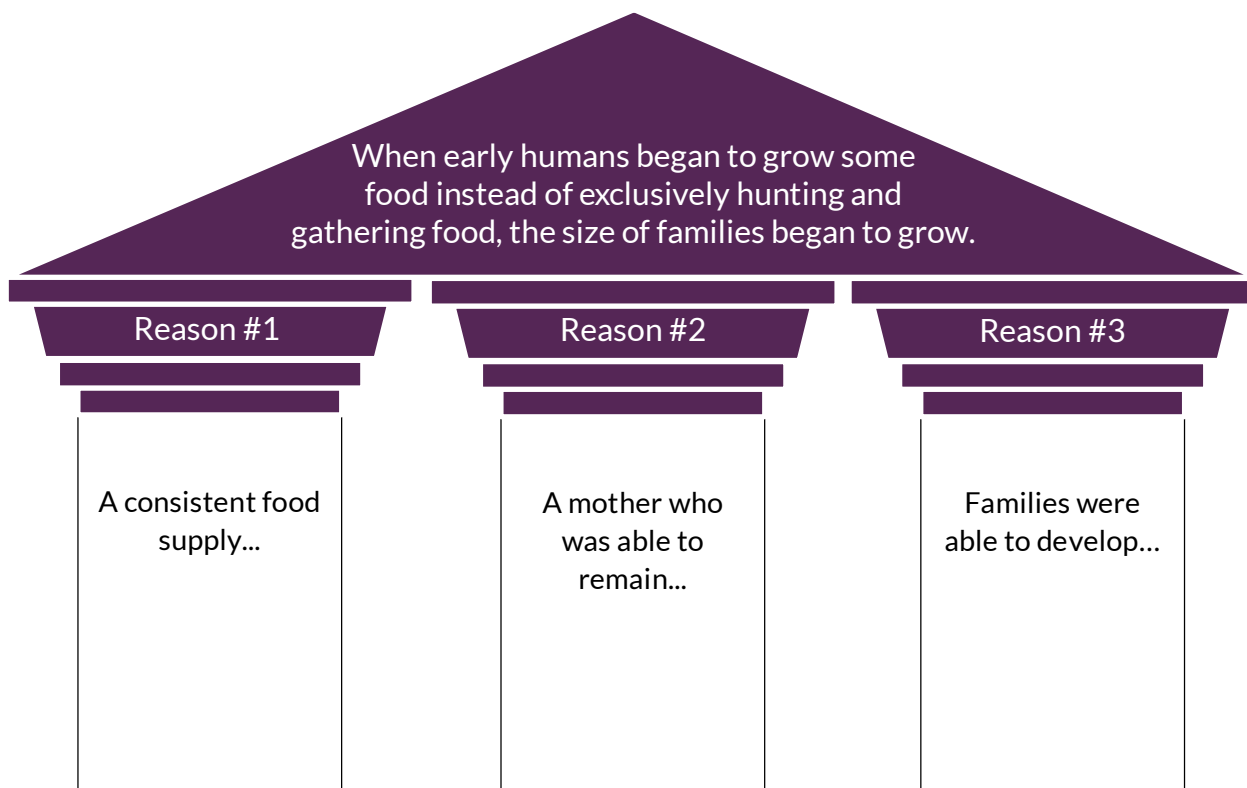
When early humans began to grow their food instead of simply gather or hunt, **they were able to have larger families**, to build communities, and to develop systems of simple government.

Paragraph that is JUST RIGHT!

When early humans began to grow some food instead of exclusively hunting and gathering food, the size of families began to grow. **A consistent food supply** meant guaranteed survival of a larger number of children born into a family. In addition, **a mother who was able to remain** in one location was able to successfully care for more children. Finally, over time, **families were able to develop** defenses against forces that had previously endangered them, such as animals, weather, or other elements of nature.

The paragraph contains three pieces of support.

All sentences support the topic.



Paragraph without enough support:

When early humans began to grow some food instead of exclusively hunting and gathering food, the size of families began to grow. A consistent food supply meant guaranteed survival of a larger number of children born into a family. In addition, a mother who was able to remain in one location was able to successfully care for more children.

First piece of support.

Second piece of support.

This paragraph needs at least one more piece of support.

When early humans began to grow some food instead of exclusively hunting and gathering food, the size of families began to grow.

Reason #1

A consistent food supply...

Reason #2

A mother who was able to remain...

Paragraph with support that doesn't belong:

When early humans began to grow some food instead of exclusively hunting and gathering food, the size of families began to grow. **A consistent food supply** meant guaranteed survival of a larger number of children born into a family. Additionally, **a mother who was able to remain** in one location was able to successfully care for more children. Finally, over time, **families were able to develop** defenses against forces that had previously endangered them, such as animals, weather, or other elements of nature. **Sometimes a crop would fail, and a family would suffer the loss of loved ones.**

First piece of support.

Second piece of support.

Third piece of support.

This sentence gives a reason why the size of families might be reduced. It does not support the topic.

When early humans began to grow some food instead of exclusively hunting and gathering food, the size of families began to grow.

Reason #1

A consistent food supply...

Reason #2

A mother who was able to remain...

Reason #3

Families were able to develop...

Reason #4

Sometimes a crop would fail, and a family would suffer the loss of loved ones.