CS17.5 Strong Body Paragraph

1. Topic sentence at the beginning

Contains Topic and main idea

2. Needs several details that support

3. Should discuss a single main idea

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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.

Body Paragraph to support the idea “they were able to have larger families.”

Paragraph that is JUST RIGHT!

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