

Unity: Every sentence in a body paragraph supports the paragraph topic sentence.

Below is a direct paragraph divided up into main sentence and numbered supporting sentences.

Put an X beside each supporting sentence that is irrelevant to the controlling idea and that, therefore, violates paragraph unity:

Main sentence: Egypt was civilized long before there was any written history of the country.

Supporting Sentences:

1. Egypt has an area of 386,000 square miles.
2. Ancient Egyptians knew so much about embalming that some of their mummies are preserved for us to view in museums.
3. It is these treasures that the world is concerned about saving.
4. Early Egyptians carried on commerce with neighbouring nations.
5. They studied and were successful with military strategy.
6. They lived under a system of government controlled production.
7. A wide area of fertile farmland edges the Nile.
8. They were a religious people.
9. The Egyptians built great halls and temples whose ruins still stand.
10. Without modern machinery, they built great pyramids near Cairo.
11. Tourists come in great numbers to view Egypt's ruins.
12. Long before the birth of Christ, Egyptians knew how to turn wastelands into arable fields.
13. They encouraged the arts, holding great meetings where learned men gathered.
14. In 1945, Egypt gained a charter membership in the United Nations.