What is a paragraphs?

- a central component of a paper

* -“a group of sentences… that forms a unit” (Lunsford and Connors)
* Length or appearance is not a determining factor whether a
* Section in a paper is a paragraph,
* it is the unity and coherence of idea among those sentences

What to put in a paragraph?

- find the controlling idea in your piece of writing,

- all information in your paragraph should have a relationship to this controlling idea

- choose information that helps to support your controlling idea

Parts of a paragraph

1. Topics sentence - first sentence in a paragraph , introduces the main idea

-gives the reader a clear sense of the content

- contains words or phrases called controlling ideas

1. Supporting details – after the sentence

- “body” of a paragraph give details to develop the

Main idea of the paragraph (facts, examples,…)

1. closing sentence -last sentence of a paragraph,

(concluding) -restates the main idea in different words

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