**Paragraph**

The TOPIC SENTENCE

Presents the main idea, and the rest if the paragraph develops the main idea.

Back toward the THESIS STATEMENT

Forward toward the BODY of the paragraph

The TOPIC SENTENCE points in two directions

A topic Senesce states the main idea

* it should present and idea that you can discuss in a single paragraph
* If too broad you will not be able to discuss it in the limited space available.
* Of too NARROW, you won’t be able to think of much to say.

A topic is what a paragraph is about; a TOPIC SENTECE makes a point about the topic.

A paragraph is unified when it focuses on a single main idea. A UNIFIED paragraph discusses only what the topic sentence promises. A paragraph lacks UNITY when its sentences do not focus on its main idea.

Correct by rewriting or deleting sentences that do not support the main idea stated in the topic sentence.

The paragraph lacks DEVELOPMENT when it does not contain the support readers need to understand or accept it main idea. Correct this problem by looking for unsupported generalizations and supplying the details and examples you need to support them.

A paragraph is COHERENT of all its sentences are arranged in a clear, logical order. You make a paragraph COHERENT by arranging details logically and by supplying transitional words that show the connection between sentences.

TRANISTIONAL WORDS and PHRASES make the relationships among the ideas in your paragraph clear.