

Schaffer Paragraph Guide

<p>Sentence 1 –Topic Sentence – must contain both a subject and an opinion</p>	
<p>Sentence 2 – Concrete detail (example, fact or quotation to prove/support topic sentence)</p>	
<p>Sentence 3 – Commentary (explains why/how the detail in #2 proves or clarifies the topic sentence. Think, (THIS SHOWS THAT)</p>	
<p>Sentence 4 – Commentary (further explains or analyzes CD #2) Think again, (THIS SHOWS THAT)</p>	
<p>Sentence 5 – Concrete detail (gives a second example, fact or quotation to prove/support #1)</p>	
<p>Sentence 6 – Commentary (explains why/how #5 relates to #1) Think, (THIS SHOWS THAT)</p>	
<p>Sentence 7 – Commentary (further explains or analyzes CD in #5) Think again, (THIS SHOWS THAT)</p>	
<p>Sentence 8 – Closing Commentary (summarizes paragraph, restates topic or thesis sentence, and does not introduce new information.)</p>	