Body Paragraph Organizer

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| **Topic Sentence(s)**  (The MAIN IDEA of this paragraph. Remember this is the sentence that will SUPPORT your thesis) |  |
| **Linking Sentence(s)** This is a transitional sentence to ease the reader into your topic. |  |
| **Introduce the cited evidence:** (The issue behind the quote. The BACKGROUND information to the quote and the larger issue at hand) |  |
| **Cited Evidence (Research)** Anecdote / Statistic / Fact / Dialogue |  |
| **Explain:** The context of the quote. This is the reading between the lines part. Mention to your reader what is NOT being said. DO NOT REPEAT ANY OF THE WORDS USED IN YOUR CITED TEXT! |  |
| **Elaborate:** This is the “so what?” part. Tell why this quote is important…the BIGGER CONTEXT of your topic tying it back to your thesis. (Finish writing on the back). |  |
| **Concluding sentence:** Wrap up this paragraph starting with transitions such as: ***“all in all, in short, on the whole, therefore, to sum up,*** etc” and restate the main idea of the paragraph using different words. |  |