## Worksheet for an Academic Paragraph

<b>THE TOPIC SENTENCE</b> : The topic sentence introduces the main points (usually three) for the paragraph.	
1 or 2 sentences defining unfamiliar terms in the paragraph may be inserted before proceeding to the first point.	1
<b>THE FIRST MAIN POINT:</b> The next sentence (after any definitions) presents the first point found in the topic sentence:	
The wording is similar to the topic sentence so that the reader recognizes the outline of the paragraph.  SUPPORT FOR THE FIRST POINT:  Quotations, examples, logic, explanations, or ideas:  Quotations, examples, logic, explanations, or ideas:	2
<b>THE SECOND MAIN POINT:</b> The next sentence refers to the second point mentioned in the topic sentence:	
SUPPORT FOR THE SECOND POINT:  The type of support used does not have to be identical:  SUPPORT FOR THE SECOND POINT:  The type of support used does not have to be identical:	3
THE THIRD MAIN POINT: The next sentence refers to the third point mentioned in the topic sentence:	
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THE CONCLUDING SENTENCE: The concluding sentence summarizes the points introduced in the topic sentence and discuss	ssed/
proven in the paragraph. Similar words are used to show a direct relationship with the topic sentence.	5
The concluding sentence does not introduce new information, but it may make an appeal for more research or study.	