

Writing a good paragraph

You may have come across an acronym like SEXY, SEED, PEC, OSEM or many more for writing a good paragraph, possibly in English or Social Studies, and the same idea applies here... in this example we will be using the SEXY example (but all the others work fine too).

The paragraphs should follow the format:

- S** - Statement/Topic Sentence: WHAT are you trying to argue?
- EX** - Explanation / Example: HOW does your evidence support your argument?
WHAT evidence is there? (the E and X can be swapped)
- Y** - Why is this important, why do we care? This is also a chance to think about the context.

It is a good idea to think through the whole paragraph and what you want to say before you start writing it. This will help you form much better paragraphs.

Teachers Note: we have used SEXY here as that is what our English department uses for their essay structures. There are lots of other acronyms that you can use like OSEM, PEC, PEEL, PEAL, MEAL etc. but we went with this so the kids get used to the same format across the school... why re-invent the wheel when we don't need to.