

PIECE T (ACRONYM FOR BODY PARAGRAPHS)

P (Point) [one or two sentences]

This is the topic sentence/main point of the paragraph; it gives the point to be supported by evidence and elaboration. It must be a point that supports the thesis of the essay. It can be one or two sentences.

I (Integrated) E (Explanations) with C (Citations) and E (Elaborations) [multiple sentences]

These sentences explain or elaborate on the point/topic sentence and include textual evidence/citations. (Note: **Transitions** will be worked into these sentences to clarify relationships among points/evidence/elaboration.)

T (Transitions and Tie to Thesis)

Transitions clarify relationships among points/evidence/elaboration and are sprinkled throughout the paragraph. [worked into other sentences throughout essay]

Tie to Thesis happens at the end of the paragraph to connect the point of the paragraph to the thesis of the essay. [one or two sentences at end]