**TOPIC SENTENCE:**

What your entire paragraph is about!

Topic + Opinion (CM) = TS

Should be INSIGHTFUL. Avoid stating the obvious. Be specific!

**TLQ: Transition + Lead-in + Quotation (concrete detail)**

For example, (always use a comma after a transition! SP10)

For instance,

Lead-in describes the situation (who is talking? What is happening?

CD MUST SUPPORT YOUR TOPIC SENTENCE

**COMMENTARY:**

Comments on CD#1

Be insightful. Avoid no-dun commentary. Move beyond the obvious! (10 word minimum helps you be more specific)

**COMMENTARY:**

Comments more on CD#1

Makes connections

**TLQ : Transition + Lead-in + Quotation**

Furthermore,

In addition,

CD MUST SUPPORT TOPIC SENTENCE!

**COMMENTARY:**

Comments on CD#2

Be Insightful

**COMMENTARY:**

Comments more on CD#2

Makes connections

**CONCLUDING SENTENCE:**

Wraps up the paragraph

Gives it that finish feeling: “That’s All, Folks!”

New thought that provides a sense of resolution.

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* Write in PRESENT tense; Do NOT use personal pronouns (no I or you); Avoid “This shows that…” Do NOT mention “the quote” or “the reader”; CM answers the question: why does this matter? So what?