

### WRITING YOUR BODY PARAGRAPHS, cont'd

Using the information in your research chart, you may now begin to draft your first body paragraph. Be sure that your paragraph includes all of the following elements:

- Topic sentence—clearly reveals the topic and purpose of the paragraph
- Details from your book and/or outside source(s) that help achieve the purpose of your topic sentence
- At least one properly formatted direct quotation from either your book or an outside source
- Parenthetical citations for EACH of the facts in your paragraph
- Concluding sentence that summarizes the connection between the book and historical events

Use the space below to organize and write your paragraphs. Remember to use your best writing skills! You will be evaluated on the elements listed above as well as your ability to write complete sentences (no fragments or run-ons) and adhere to basic rules of mechanics/punctuation.

\*\*Remember the order of your choices for a parenthetical citation:

1. (Author’s last name).
2. (Source Title in “ ” or *italics*).

<p><b>Body Paragraph #2</b></p> <p><b>Subtopic:</b></p>
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Topic sentence: \_\_\_\_\_

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Evidence with parenthetical citations: \_\_\_\_\_

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Concluding sentence: \_\_\_\_\_

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*\*There should not be a parenthetical citation at the end of the topic sentence or the end of the concluding sentence. These are your own words and your own ideas.\**

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**Body Paragraph #3**

**Subtopic:**

Topic sentence: \_\_\_\_\_

Evidence with parenthetical citations: \_\_\_\_\_

Concluding sentence: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Additional Body Paragraphs?**

If your essay will require additional body paragraphs, please list them below by # and subtopic. You will not need to handwrite these extra paragraphs, but you will include them in your first typed draft.