

Essay – Body Paragraph Guide

- Does it have a topic statement?
- Does it examine a particular piece of evidence? (historical fact or document)
- Does it analyze the evidence? (explain, provide context and express significance)
- Does it make a clear, explicit connection between the evidence and the conclusion drawn in the thesis statement?
- Does it make connections between the evidence/conclusion and outside information? (something from another place or time)
- Overall, how effective is the paragraph at supporting the conclusions of the thesis?