

## 8-Sentence Paragraph Format

<b>TS</b> <small>TOPIC SENTENCE</small>	Begin with a <b>TOPIC SENTENCE</b> That <i>addresses the prompt</i>
<b>C</b> <small>CLAIM</small>	Make your <b>CLAIM</b> or observation
<b>E</b> <small>EVIDENCE QUOTE</small>	Give <b>TEXTUAL EVIDENCE</b> for your CLAIM. <b>CITE</b> Examples from the text, use Quotes or relevant facts from the text
<b>E</b> <small>EXPLAIN ELABORATE</small>	Support your Evidence with an <b>EXPLANATION</b> or <b>EXAMPLE</b> . Elaborate and make your point fully understood. (1-2 sentences)

<del>Make your next CLAIM or observation</del>	<del><b>C</b></del> <small>CLAIM</small>
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Restate your topic sentence in different words.	<b>C</b> <small>CONCLU- SION</small>

**Literary Analysis/Response to  
Literature  
Character Analysis**

**Expository Writing  
History Research Paper**

In the story "Broken Chain" by Gary Soto, the character of Alfonso is a typical teenager. First of all, he is uncomfortable with the way he looks. In the very beginning of the story Alfonso "tries to push his teeth back to where he thought they belonged." Most teenagers have something about their looks that they don't like. Also, Alfonso is very shy around the girls. He waited behind the bushes and "tried to muster the nerve" to speak to her. Many teenagers feel the same way sometimes about a boy or girl they like. Alfonso is just a regular teenager.

Leading up to the Civil War, the North and South had very different philosophies. First of all, they disagreed about slavery. The North wanted to abolish slavery because they thought it was morally wrong. The South wanted to keep their slaves because they depended on them to harvest the cotton which fueled their economy (Stewart). Also, they disagreed about women's rights. The North was far more progressive in their equal treatment of women. The South, however, felt that the woman's place was in the home (Rand).. These are just two of the issues that created the tension leading to the Civil War.