

# Proper Paragraphs

- Begin with a topic sentence
  - State the main idea
  - Do NOT explain the main idea
- Include detail sentences
  - Explain the main idea
  - Offer **specific support** for the main idea
    - Text based evidence
    - Information from class discussions/lectures
    - Personal experience
    - **ALL OF THE ABOVE**
- End with a concluding statement
  - Restate the main idea AND
  - Offer **new** information, insight, or point of view OR
  - Are forward looking – make a prediction
- Use Proper Conventions
  - The first line is indented
  - Proper spelling and grammar are used
  - Words are used correctly

