# Body Paragraphs

Body paragraphs are any paragraphs between the opening paragraph and the concluding one. Each body paragraph develops one separate point or proof used to support the essay’s main idea. Be sure to follow the same order as your direction in your introduction. A body paragraph fully expands and develops its point in the following ways:

* Begin with a topic sentence that makes a general statement about your point.
* Next, provide a specific example(s) that illustrates and proves the validity of your point.
* Once an example(s) has been provided, explain how this example(s) proves the point. Make that connection. Elaborate in detail to deepen the reader’s understanding.
* Finally, write a “clinching” or concluding sentence that summarizes the point being made in the paragraph