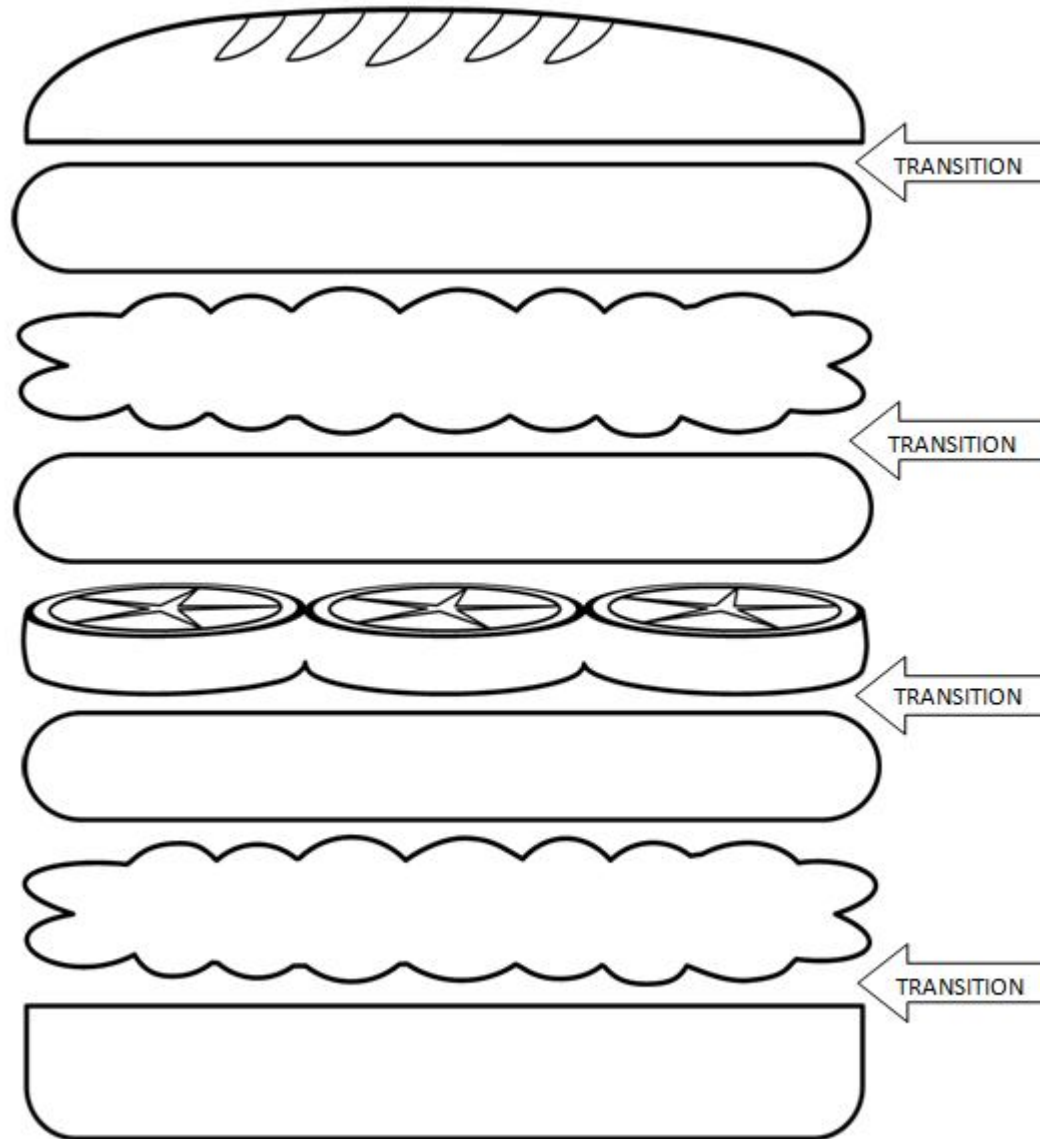


Hamburger Paragraphs

8th Writing and Grammar







Topic Sentence / CLAIM

THE CLAIM is...

- The point you are trying to make or prove
- Should be the topic sentence (usually 1st sentence in paragraph) of one paragraph assignment OR for each body paragraph in an essay

Your concluding statement should...

- Summarize the paragraph's main points/evidence AND analysis
- Restate main idea in a unique way
- Connect to the claim

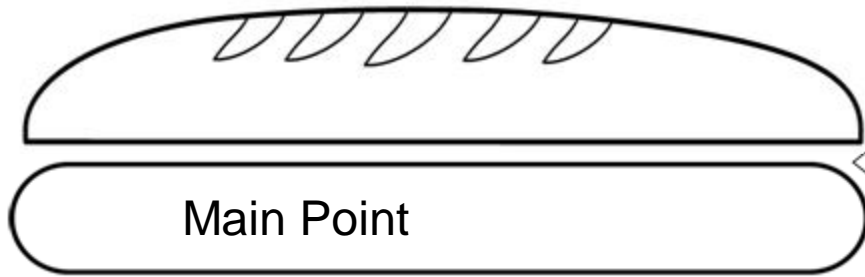


Concluding Statement

Examples:

My favorite sport in the entire world is swimming because it is good exercise, you can easily participate year round, and you are mainly competing against yourself.

Crown Pointe Academy would significantly improve students academic performance if all students could have one hour of PE every day all year.



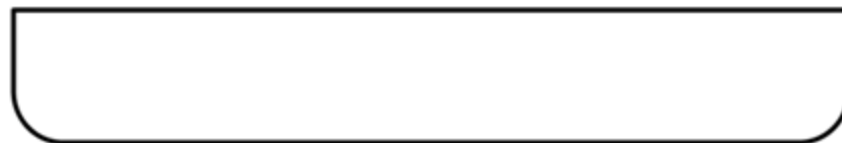
Main Point



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Main Points are...

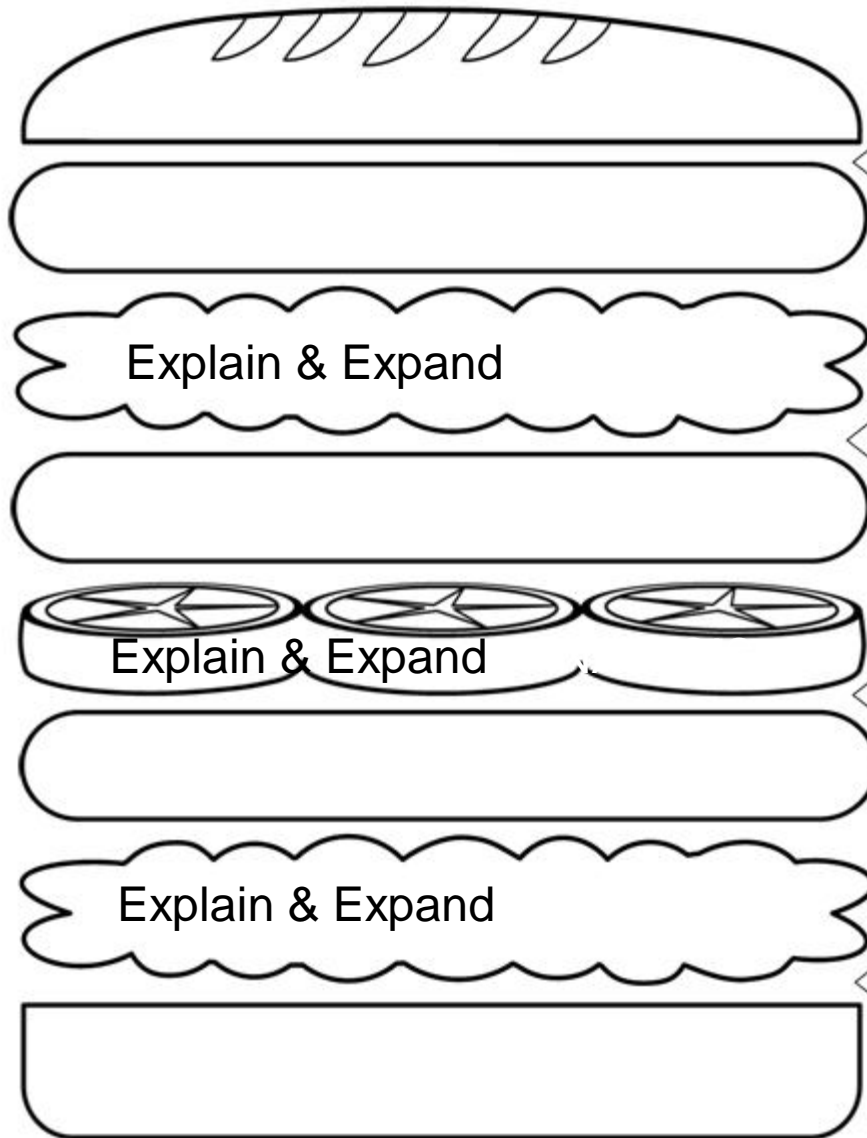
- The main ideas of your paragraph
- Should all relate/link back to your topic sentence

Example:

My favorite sport in the entire world is swimming because it is good exercise, you can easily participate year round, and you are mainly competing against yourself. **To begin, swimming is good exercise because it not only works your lungs, muscles and heart, but it is also easy on your joints.**

Topic Sentence/
Claim

**Main Point /
Evidence**



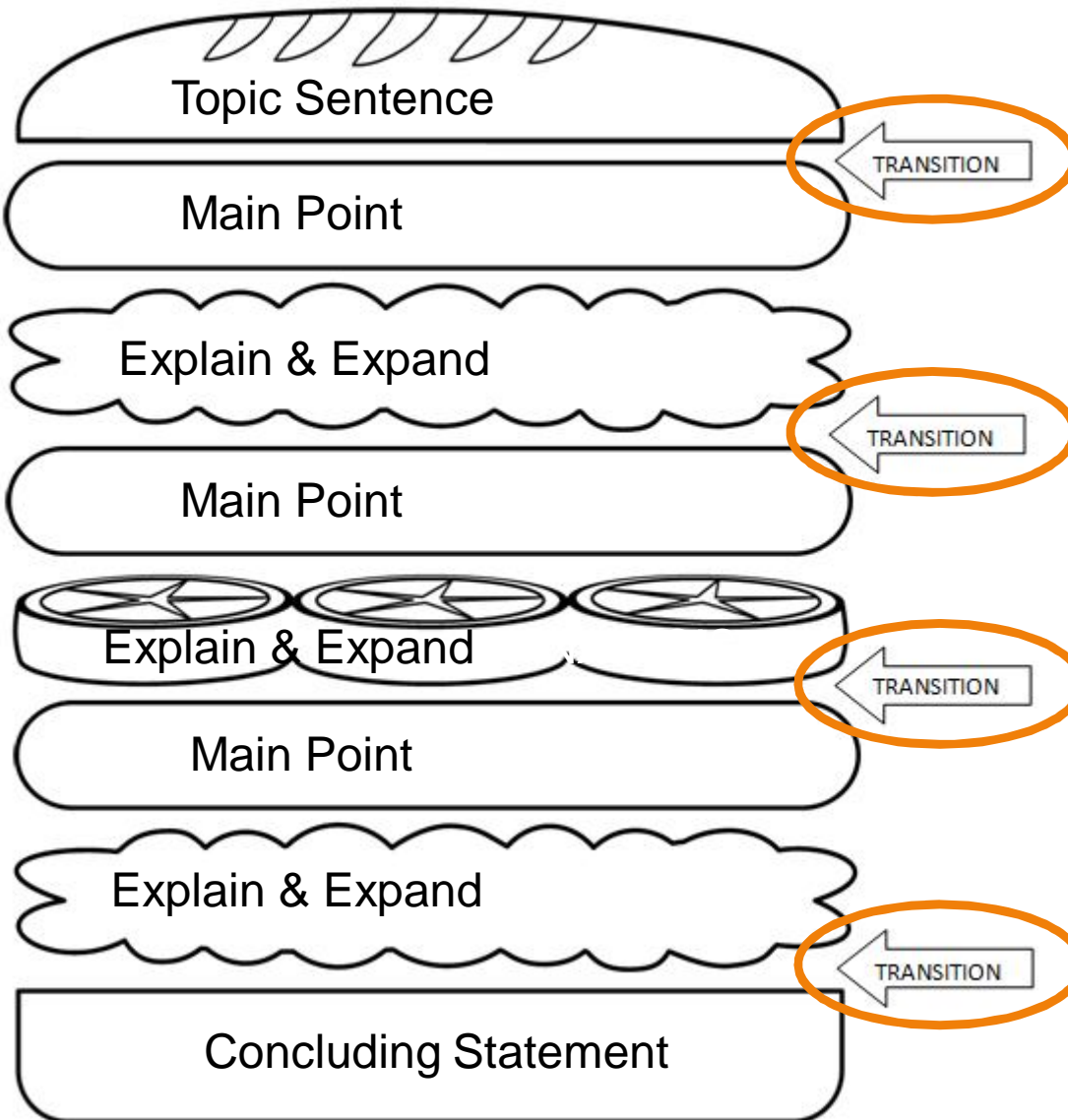
Explain and Expand

- With this type of writing, be sure that you don't just share random facts. Use your own words to explain and connect them together.

NOTE: Don't limit yourself to one sentence of explanation or expansion for each main point! You will often have MORE explanation than main point.

Example:

My favorite sport in the entire world is swimming because it is good exercise, you can easily participate year round, and you are mainly competing against yourself. To begin, swimming is good exercise because it not only works your lungs, muscles and heart, but it is also easy on your joints. This cardio workout is sure to burn calories while still preserving and protecting your joints and bones. These factors make swimming an excellent workout choice.



Let's practice!

- Write a hamburger paragraph based on one of the following prompts. I EXPECT AT LEAST 8-11 SENTENCES.
 - *Carefully think about what three main points you need to share!*
- **Prompt 1:** Friendships are important to teenagers and adolescents. Write a paragraph regarding what makes a good friend.
- **Prompt 2:** What type of music is your favorite? Write a paragraph telling what defines that music style.
- **Prompt 3:** Imagine you are telling someone who has never seen your favorite sport all about it. Write a paragraph giving a brief overview of the sport.

Let's practice!

- **Prompt 2:** What type of music is your favorite? Write a paragraph telling what defines that music style.

Classical symphonic music, while not often loved by teens and adolescents, is truly a beautiful and unique genre of music due to its precision, ability to convey emotion without words, and timelessness. One amazing aspect of classical music is the precision that is evident in the writing of the music. With classical music, a composer must think of each individual instrument and how they will contribute to the piece. Each instrument offers different tones, timbres, ranges and sounds, and so composers place every note in the score (music) carefully to ensure it all works together in perfect harmony...