



# **BODY PARAGRAPHS AND THE CONCLUSION**

## EACH PARAGRAPH SHOULD HAVE:

- A topic sentence/main idea: State a reason for your opinion
- Support: Give examples and evidence to support your opinion/main idea
  - All evidence in this paragraph should relate to the topic sentence
  - Tell a story that supports your point of view.
  - Make sure you stay on-topic
  - Tell why you have your opinion and how it is right
  - Don't repeat yourself.



# THE CONCLUSION

- Rephrase thesis
  - Put your thesis in different words.
- Summary
  - Go over the main reasons for your opinion.
  - This should be brief.
  - This should NOT be detailed.
- Successful ending
  - Make sure the reader knows you are finished WITHOUT saying you are!
  - Re-read your last paragraph to see if your essay sounds complete.
  - Don't say, "now you know why..."

