

# Population Project Research Paper

Body Paragraphs for the Problem/Solution essay

# BODY PARAGRAPH ONE: Causes

- Clear topic sentence
- Three pieces of evidence that demonstrate the causes
- Each cause **strongly** supports topic
- Each cause uses a citation of interesting or relevant statistics
- Each cause is cited properly
- Sentences read smoothly
- Strong word choice is evident
- Transitional words are used
- Concluding sentence wraps up the ideas and/or provides a bridge to the next paragraph

# BODY PARAGRAPH TWO: Effects

- Clear topic sentence
- Three pieces of evidence that demonstrate the effects
- Each effect **strongly** supports topic
- Each effect uses a citation of interesting or relevant statistics
- Each effect is cited properly
- Sentences read smoothly
- Strong word choice is evident
- Transitional words are used
- Concluding sentence wraps up the ideas and/or provides a bridge to the next paragraph

# BODY PARAGRAPH Three: Solutions

- Clear topic sentence
- Three pieces of evidence that demonstrate the solutions
- Each solution **strongly** supports topic
- Each solution uses a citation of interesting or relevant statistics
- Each solution is cited properly
- Sentences read smoothly
- Strong word choice is evident
- Transitional words are used
- Concluding sentence wraps up the ideas and/or provides a bridge to the next paragraph

# Remember!

- Color code your evidence properly
- **Paraphrased information will be in black (should be cited)**
- **Direct quotations will be in red with quotation marks (should be cited) or referenced.**
- **Your original ideas will be in blue.**

# Basic Mistakes to Avoid

- No use of first person, no I statements, no reference to yourself!
- Spell out number that are less than 100.
  - Seventy-five percent
- Do not use contractions, no can't, don't, won't etc. Spell it out

# Your Paper and the Paragraphs

- Vary sentence length
- Order your arguments, use your strongest first, weakest second, and second strongest last.
- Do the same with the order of your paragraphs, start with your strongest reason first, weakest second, and second strongest last

# Basic Revision of Internal Citation

- Internal citation comes at the end of the sentence with the citable information
- You cannot use one citation for two sentences, either combine them or cite both
- You cite in parenthesis then add the period
- You cite author page number (Smith 24). For books.
- You cite website title if no author (Sex Ratio-CIA World Factbook).