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PARAGRAPH TERMS

1	Topic Sentence	The first sentence in a body paragraph. This must have a subject and an opinion (commentary) for the paragraph. It does the same thing for a body paragraph that the thesis does for the whole essay.
2	Transitions	A word or phrase that indicates to your reader that you are about to talk about something different. Helps the essay flow.
3	Lead In	Comes after the transition and before the quote (CD) in a sentence. Tells your reader what's happening around the CD: who's speaking, where the CD takes place, etc...
4	Concrete Details CD	Specific details that form the backbone or core of your body paragraphs. Also known as a QUOTE. Something you copy word by word from the text.
5	Commentary CM	Your opinion or comment about something; not concrete detail. DO NOT just repeat the CD or tell me what happens in the CD. Instead, tell why the CD is important or how it proves what you are trying to argue in your topic sentence.
6	Chunk	One sentence of concrete detail (CD) + two sentences of commentary (CM). It is the smallest unit of unified thoughts that you can write.
7	Concluding Sentence	The last sentence in a body paragraph. It is all commentary, does not repeat key words, and gives a finished feeling to the paragraph.
8	TLQ	Transition + Leadin + Quote.