

## The 11-Sentence Paragraph Format

*There must be thorough "commentary" (explanation/analysis) of your "concrete detail" (textual support/evidence) that relates back to the main points or topic sentence of the whole paragraph*

1. Thesis: state the topic of your paragraph and the main point you want to make about the topic.
2. Introduce the first reason or example that supports your main point (concrete detail).
3. Provide a quote or specific example as evidence or support.
4. Explain how the quote or example supports your main point (**commentary**).
5. Transition to another reason or example that supports your main point (concrete detail).
6. Provide a quote or specific example as evidence or support.
7. Explain how the quote or example supports your main point (**commentary**).
8. Transition to a third reason or example to support your main point (concrete detail).
9. Provide a quote or specific example as evidence or support.
10. Explain how the quote or example supports your main point (**commentary**).
11. Write a concluding sentence that explains how all three of the examples above support your thesis.