**Perfect Paragraph Recipe**

Opening Sentence/Topic Sentence  
Fact  
Quote/Evidence  
Explain  
(Repeat Fact, Quote, Explain as many times as needed)  
Closing Sentence

**Opening Sentence/Topic Sentence** - **Restate Prompt to introduce topic (Point in Thesis)**

**Fact-** **Tell one fact learned from the text that answers the prompt**

Ex: One fact is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Ex: One reason is\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Ex: One way\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Quote-** **Find a quote from the text that proves your fact. Make sure to introduce your quote with who said it or the title of the article, write it word for word with quote marks around the quote and page number at the end.**

Ex: In the article, “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_” it states, “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_” (1).

Ex: Dr. Jane Doe says, “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_”(1).

**Explain-** **Tell the reader how that quote you chose proves your fact.**

Ex: This proves that\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ because\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(Repeat Fact, Quote, Explain as many times as needed)

**Closing Sentence- Wrap up your paragraph- Restate opening point**

Ex: Therefore,

Ex: Clearly,

Note: Do NOT use 1st or 2nd person for professional, formal paragraphs! (I, Me, My, Mine, Us, We, Our, You, Your)

**Example-**

**Prompt:** After reading the article, “Dinosaurs” write a paragraph explaining one of the types of Dinosaurs.

**Opening Sentence:** A major type of dinosaur is a carnivore.

**Fact:** One fact about carnivores is that they mainly eat meat.

**Quote:** In the article, “Dinosaurs” it states, “Carnivores are one type of dinosaur that feeds mainly on other animals. They consume meat for most of their diet”(2).

**Explain:** This quote proves that carnivores are mainly dinosaurs that eat meat.

**Closing Sentence:** Therefore, a major type of dinosaur is a carnivore.

**Put it all together!!!**

A major type of dinosaur is a carnivore. One fact about carnivores is that they mainly eat meat. In the article, “Dinosaurs” it states, “Carnivores are one type of dinosaur that feeds mainly on other animals. They consume meat for most of their diet”(2). This quote proves that carnivores are mainly dinosaurs that eat meat. Therefore, a major type of dinosaur is a carnivore.