Paragraph Law

EVERY paragraph, regardless of subject or content, must have a guiding topic sentence that is supported by evidence in the form of facts, details, direct text reference, or examples. This evidence must be supported by writer’s commentary that relates how such evidence proves the topic sentence to be true, and paragraph must end with a summative concluding statement that brings closure to the topic.

\*NOTE\* As a writer grows in sophistication, the arrangement and organization of parts of paragraph can vary stylistically, but will never exclude any parts of the Paragraph Law.

Here is the model of Paragraph Law:

TS (topic sentence stating the main idea of paragraph)

CD 1 (concrete details: evidence, facts, text reference, examples, details, etc.)

 [For example, …]

CM+CM (writer’s commentary demonstrating how CD proves the topic to be true, thus proving thesis)

CD 2 (another detail in support of topic sentence)

 [Another example of …]

CM+CM (writer’s commentary showing how CD proves the topic to be true, thus proving thesis)

CS (summative concluding statement)

 [In conclusion,…; In sum, …; etc.]