

*AEC BODY PARAGRAPH PLANNER

ASSERTION/TOPIC SENTENCE: _____

<u>E</u> vidence Back it up. Quotation from text MLA citation Supports topic sentence/main idea	<u>C</u> ommentary Your own words Explains or elaborate on how or why the quotation proves the topic sentence the assertion made in the topic sentence. Remember that the assertion is your opinion , so you should be able to connect your choice of the best evidence to your opinion.
Example 1:	Comment 1: Comment 2:
Example 2:	Comment 1: Comment 2:
Example 3:	Comment 1: Comment 2:

Concluding Sentence: Ties all the examples back to the main idea to show its importance.

*In an essay, each body paragraph follows the AEC paragraph structure.

AEC Paragraph Rubric			
Assertion	Did you answer the question (all parts of the prompt) and/or fulfill the purpose of the assignment? Is your topic sentence clear? Do you fully prove your assertion? Do you have a concluding sentence that reemphasizes your assertion?	✓ +	3
		✓	2
		✓ -	1
		Not evident	0
Evidence	Are your examples relevant to the assertion (topic sentence)? Do you have sufficient evidence to support your assertion? Have you effectively introduced and incorporated all quotes – did you TIE them?	✓ +	3
		✓	2
		✓ -	1
		Not evident	0
Commentary	Is each quotation followed by further commentary? Do you have more commentary than quotes? Does your commentary explain how the evidence supports the assertion?	✓ +	3
		✓	2
		✓ -	1
		Not evident	0
Grammar, mechanics, and spelling	Have you used only third person? Did you maintain literary present tense? Are all sentences complete, clear, and concise? Do you have distracting punctuation, usage, and spelling errors?	✓	0
		✓ -	-1
		✓ --	-2
Voice or Vocabulary	Is sentence structure varied? Is diction purposeful? Does the writer carefully select and effectively use strong vocabulary?	✓ +	1
		✓ -	0
Total			

Progressive Grading Scale									
Score	9 Excellent	8 Very Good	7 Good	6 Satisfactory	5 Adequate	4 Inadequate	3 Little Success	2 Lacking	1 Poor
1st 9 Weeks	100	97	94	91	88	85	82	79	76
2nd 9 Weeks	100	95	90	85	80	75	70	65	60
3rd 9 Weeks	100	93	86	79	72	68	65	60	55
4th 9 Weeks	100	90	80	75	68	65	60	55	50