**BODY PARAGRAPH FORMAT**

**Start your paragraph with the first point you will be proving - write it as a statement, not a question. Next, use one of your pieces of evidence from your first point and write two-three sentences in your own words that prove your point. Add the citation information showing who wrote your evidence. Next, use the other piece of evidence from your research and write two-three sentences in your own words that prove your point. Add the citation information showing who wrote your evidence. Finally, add a transition sentence that connects this topic to your next topic.**

**EXAMPLE OF A BODY PARAGRAPH**

**Graphic novels can be used to persuade non-readers to read more books. A study was done at a high school in Florida, where students were allowed to use graphic novels instead of regular books for their reading journals. The results showed that over 30% of the students read more books that year than the previous year (Martin, 2011). In addition, kids in a third grade class in Los Angeles showed more interest in reading when they were given graphic novels ("Comics in the Library," 2012). Clearly, graphic novels lead to more reading, which can lead to increased reading skills.**