**BODY PARAGRAPH FORMAT**

**Sentence 1: Introduction**

**Start your paragraph with the first point you will be proving - write it as a statement, not a question.**

***Example:***

***Graphic novels can be used to persuade non-readers to read more books.***

**Sentences 2-3:**

**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: Last Name, Year Written). *Example:***

***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).***

**Sentences 4-5:**

**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: Last Name, Year Written). *Example:***

***In addition, kids in a third grade class in Los Angeles showed more interest in reading when they were given graphic novels (Davdison, 2012).***

**Sentence 6:**

**Finally, add a transition sentence that connects this topic to your next topic.**

***Example:***

***Clearly, graphic novels lead to more reading, which can lead to increased reading skills.***