Writing a Paragraph

Step 1
Topic/Main Idea Selection

Topic:

Narrow down the topic (what your paragraph is specifically about):

Step 2
Brainstorm for Details
Spend 5 - 8 minutes listing every idea that comes to your mind about this topic. Don’t stop until you have at least ten items on your list. Your list should include facts, reasons, and specific examples.
## Step 3
### Organize your Ideas

### Topic Sentence:

### Major Point #1:

### Major Point #2:

### Major Point #3:

### Supporting Details:
- a. Explain
- b. EXAMPLE
- c. Relate Main Point back to Topic Sentence

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### Concluding Sentence:
Restate the TS

### Transitional Devices:
Connecting words – for example, for instance, in conclusion, first, the, first characteristic is, lastly
Step 4
Create a Topic Sentence
Remember, the topic sentence states what the paragraph is about.

TOPIC SENTENCE:

Step 5
Create Sentences
Create sentences for the 3 main points and the minor points you selected in Step #3.

MAIN POINT #1 (least important idea):

MINOR POINT:

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MAIN POINT #2 (2nd most important idea):

MINOR POINT:
Congratulations! You have just completed a first draft of your paragraph. Before you write your final draft, you must evaluate yourself and be evaluated by others.