

EXPOSITORY ESSAY BODY PARAGRAPHS

Writing the Body Paragraphs for our
Expository Essay Using Human Rights

Body Paragraphs: Making An Assertion

Assertion: a **statement** or **claim** an author makes about a specific topic

- ◎ **Assertions** need to be proved with **evidence** to **support your claim**
- ◎ **Evidence** needs to come from a **reliable source**

Body Paragraphs: Assertions Supported by Evidence

Evidence: something used to **prove the claims** in an assertion

- ◎ **Evidence** comes from **reliable sources**
 - Most Newspapers & Magazines
 - Most Websites (.org, .edu, .gov)
 - Libraries and Government Buildings

Writing Body Paragraphs: 3 Simple Steps



Step 1

- Your first sentence must be an **assertion** (statement or claim) about one of your focus **Human Rights**. (1 sentence)

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Step 2

- Include the **evidence** you have found to **prove** your **assertion**.
(1-2+ sentences)
- In-text citation: Mention
(1) where the quote came from
(source) and (2) the author's name
- Does your **evidence** connect with your **assertion**?



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Step 3

- ◎ **Explain/analyze** the **evidence** and how it connects to the **specific Human Right** you are discussing in this paragraph.
(2-3+ sentences)

Body Paragraph: Step 1

Identifying Your Assertion

The first sentence of each of your body paragraphs must be a statement you make about the Human Right you are writing about.

- What is the first Human Right you want to write about?
- Make a statement about this Human Right.
 - Example: **The Human Right** to seek a safe place to live is being **acknowledged/supported/amended/violated/abused/ignored/neglected** around the world.

Body Paragraph: Step 2

Show Your Evidence

- ◎ Your evidence will be either...
 1. A statistic or number
 2. A personal account/direct quote
- ◎ Where did this evidence come from?
 - Name of article and name of author
 - Example: In an article from *LA Youth* magazine titled, "My Life as a Homeless Teen," William Dominguez writes/reports/says, "I grew up in an abusive family. When I was little, I would stay out as long as I could to avoid getting beat. When I was 5, my dad burned me on the stove."

Body Paragraph: Step 3

Explain the Evidence In Your Own Words

- Show exactly how your evidence connects to the Human Right you are talking about in this paragraph
- Example: Based on this evidence, it is clear that the Human Right to seek a safe place to live is being violated because children are being abused in their own homes. Children as young as 5-years-old do not have the ability to escape from bad situations on their own. Instead, they end up suffering in terrible living conditions.

Completed Paragraph

(1) The Human Right to seek a safe place to live **is being ignored around the world.** **(2) In an article from** *LA Youth* magazine **titled,** “My Life as a Homeless Teen,” William Dominguez **says,** “Albert grew up in an abusive family. When he was little, he would stay out as long as he could to avoid getting beat. When he was 5, his dad burned him on the stove.” **(3) Based on this evidence, it is clear that the Human Right** to seek a safe place to live **is being violated because** children are being abused in their own homes. Children as young as 5-years-old do not have the ability to escape from bad situations on their own. Instead, they end up suffering in terrible living conditions.