

Instructions: Select any four (4) topics to write four separate paragraphs about. These paragraphs will be peer edited. Then, you will select your two best paragraphs to type and hand in for marking. Write your paragraphs on lined paper and use your writing code instead of your name (your code is on your course outline sheet handed out in class).

Topics:

- Compare and contrast old and new media
- Discuss the types of old and new media that you prefer
- Is remixing content a legitimate form of creativity, or is it intellectual property theft?
- Express your opinion about the proposed Northern Gateway Pipeline
- Express your opinion about the proposed Ajax Mine
- Explain the concept of net neutrality
- Do you agree or disagree with Jeanne Kilbourne's analysis of the portrayal of women in advertising?

Use the following paragraph structure:

Topic sentence (introduces the main idea of the paragraph):

Supporting sentences that support or explain the idea (3 to 5 sentences):

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Clincher sentence (restates the topic sentence in new words and wraps up the paragraph).

Remember to:

- Give each paragraph a title
- Use complete sentences
- Include sentence structure variety
- Use proper capitalization and punctuation
- Ask about spelling or use a dictionary

Example:

What is a Paragraph?

Writing of any length requires subdivision into a number of points or stages, and these stages are expressed in a paragraph. Paragraphs, whether denoted by a new line and an indentation or a line break, provide a structure for your writing. The end of a paragraph

represents a significant pause in the flow of the writing. This pause is a signpost to the reader, indicating that the writing is about to move on to a different stage. Each paragraph should deal with one idea or aspect of an idea, and it should be clear to the reader what this main idea is.



Paragraph source: <http://www2.le.ac.uk/offices/careers/ld/resources/writing/grammar/grammar-guides/paras>