Levels of Generality
Analytic Paragraph Application

One of the most powerful patterns for analytic writing is the claims, evidence, and commentary sequence utilized by many adept writers. This pattern - controlling idea, example, and multiple lines of commentary - is an "analytical sandwich" that you can use throughout a paragraph.

Your job is to consider the draft body paragraph you wrote for homework last class and see if it follows the pattern below. You should concentrate in your commentary lines on making connections to your thread and the interpretive criteria you selected to analyze the thread.

You may find that you need to revise your paragraph. Before the end of class, you will need to have arranged your paragraph—indentations and all—in the following manner below the paragraph you wrote for homework.

Level 1: Controlling idea (criteria + thread) that contains the key topic and makes an observation about its importance.

> **Level 2**: Any sentence that contains explicit or implicit references to your chosen text
>
> > **Level 3**: Any sentence that contains thoughtful discussion of examples in a Level 2 sentence.

All of your sentences should fit on ONE of these THREE levels. You should arrange your paragraph so the reader, me, can see your use of the three levels by your indentations. In other words, make your entire paragraph look like the pattern above.