# Academic Paragraph Organizer

**THE TOPIC SENTENCE:** The topic sentence states the overall point of the paragraph and introduces the main supporting points (usually 3). One or two sentences defining unfamiliar terms in the paragraph may be inserted before proceeding to the first point.

**FIRST MAIN POINT:** The next sentence presents the first supporting point.

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**SECOND MAIN POINT:** The next sentence presents the second supporting point.
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THIRD MAIN POINT: The next sentence presents the third supporting point.

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THE CONCLUDING SENTENCE: The concluding sentence ties back to the topic sentence and summarizes the main points developed in the paragraph. The concluding sentence does not introduce new information but may appeal for more research or study.