Basic Paragraph: Graphic Organizer

**topic:** ____________________________

**controlling idea:** ____________________________

**supporting detail #1**

**supporting detail #2**

**supporting detail #3**

**possible transitional words and phrases**
- also
- furthermore
- likewise
- in addition
- moreover
- similarly
- further
- another reason
Basic Paragraph: Writing Template

Topic sentence (combine topic and controlling idea): ____________
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__________________________________________________________________________
__________________________________________________________________________

First, ___________________________________________________________________
__________________________________________________________________________
__________________________________________________________________________

Also, ___________________________________________________________________
__________________________________________________________________________
__________________________________________________________________________

Finally, __________________________________________________________________
__________________________________________________________________________
__________________________________________________________________________

In conclusion, ____________________________________________________________________________
__________________________________________________________________________
__________________________________________________________________________
Basic Paragraph: Proofreading Checklist

1. Underline your topic sentence.

2. Number your 3 supporting detail sentences.

3. Circle the transitional words or phrases used. There should be at least two.

4. Highlight one adjective in each supporting detail sentence.

5. Put brackets {} around any sentences that you think may be faulty in some way.

6. Underline your concluding sentence. Does it… (circle one)
   a. restate the main idea?
   b. draw a conclusion?
   c. state an opinion?
   d. summarize the information?

7. Other…