8-Sentence Paragraph Model

\*\* Guide to Writing an Excellent Body Paragraph \*\*

Your Paragraph Format:

**Sentence 1: Topic Sentence (an answer to the prompt)**

**Sentence 2: Textual Evidence #1 (Be sure to introduce the evidence)**

**Sentence 3: Analysis of Textual Evidence #1**

**Sentence 4: More analysis of Textual Evidence #1**

**Sentence 5: Textual Evidence #2 (begin sentence with “In addition” or “Furthermore”)**

**Sentence 6: Analysis of Textual Evidence #2**

**Sentence 7: More analysis of Textual Evidence #2**

**Sentence 8: Concluding sentence (in your own words)**

Example:

 **(1)** The most important theme of “The ugly Duckling” is that narrow-minded people see differences as ugliness. **(2)** For example, at the beginning of the story one of the ducks tells the “ugly duckling,” You are ugly because you can’t waddle right.” **(3)** This shows that their reasons for shunning the “ugly duckling” are based only on the ways in which he is different from them. **(4)** This shows that narrow-minded people refuse to accept others who are not similar themselves. **(5)** In addition, towards the end of the story, the “ugly duckling” sees his reflection and then meets his swan family, realizing that he is neither “ugly” or a “duckling.” **(6)** This shows that although he might have been seen as an “ugly duckling,” he is, in truth, a beautiful swan. **(7)** This shows that a person who compares himself to the wrong group of people is likely to see himself as ugly and inferior, while if he decides to be open-minded and accepting of others, he will eventually discover the truth about himself. **(8)** The main lesson that this story teaches is that people who dislike others because they are different are needlessly prejudiced.