

# Accordion Paragraph Outline

## Topic Sentence

- \*Restate & answer the question
- \*Include the title and author of the story

## Reason #1

- \*State one reason that supports your claim
- Transitions: One reason... One way... To begin with...*

## Evidence

- \*Cite one piece of evidence from the text to support your first reason
- \*Put "quotation" marks around the evidence and write page number
- Transitions: For example... In the text, it states... The author states... According to the text...*

## Explanation / Justification

- \*Explain how the evidence supports your first reason
- Transitions: This evidence shows... This evidence proves...*

## Reason #2

- \*State another reason that supports your claim
- Transitions: Another reason... Another way... Most importantly... Lastly...*

## Evidence

- \*Cite one piece of evidence from the text to support your second reason
- \*Put "quotation" marks around the evidence and write page number
- Transitions: For example... In the text, it states... The author states... According to the text...*

## Explanation / Justification

- \*Explain how the evidence supports your second reason
- Transitions: This evidence shows... This evidence proves...*

## Conclusion

- \*Wrap up your writing by restating / paraphrasing your topic sentence
- Transitions: In conclusion... As you can see... All in all...*