

## Two-Quote Paragraph Template

**Directions:** Use this template to write a paragraph that answers the following question:

Sentence Number	Type of Sentence
1	<b>Topic sentence:</b> State your <i>claim</i> (purpose of the text).
2-3	<b>Lead-in:</b> Establish a context for the upcoming evidence or explain a little about your claim. You might define vocabulary or add context to further your idea.
4	<b>Quotation or evidence:</b> Make sure you choose one of the best quotes or pieces of evidence from the text that will support your claim.
5-6	<b>Justification or reasoning:</b> Now explain why your evidence is important. How and why does this evidence help support your claim? Explain the reasoning behind why your evidence proves your claim.

7	<p><b>Quotation or evidence:</b> Make sure your second quote or piece of evidence supports your claim as well. Make sure you transition carefully into the evidence—don't just drop it in the middle of the paragraph with no sentence setting it up.</p>
8–9	<p><b>Justification or reasoning:</b> Now explain why your evidence is important. How does it help support your claim? Explain the reasoning why your evidence proves your claim.</p>
10	<p><b>Return to the claim (concluding sentence):</b> This last sentence should reconnect your evidence and ideas back to your primary claim.</p>