

# *The "Powergraph" Formula*

*Topic Sentence (present the main focus of your paragraph)*

- (1) Supporting Detail/Answer (A)*
  - (1) Explanation/Evidence/Cite (C)*
  - (2) Extend/Example (E)*
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*Closing Statement (recap the topic sentence)*

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*Reminder: 8 sentences*

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## **Another way to look at it:**

1. Topic Sentence
2. (1) Detail (For example,...)
3. (1) Explanation (This means,...)
4. (2) Explain further (In other words,...)
5. (2) Detail
6. (1) Explanation
7. (2) Explain further
8. Closing Statement

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## **Remember:**

1. Indent
2. Topic Sentence
3. 1:2 Ratio
  - a. For every 1 piece of evidence, 2 sentences discussing the evidence
4. Closing/Transition Sentence

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*A rubric will be provided when a "powergraph" is assigned.*