

Body paragraph planning page

Step 1: Identify a topic: What is the topic you are focusing on in this paragraph. State it briefly.

Step 2: Evidence: What related, specific historical events, evidence, and ideas can you find to help you discuss the point from Step 1 and prove your thesis? Use your charts to help you make a list. You don't have to use all the information you list here in your paragraph.

Step 3: Connecting and Reasoning: Write a brief explanation of how your evidence from Step 2 proves your point and proves your thesis. In other words, explain why conflict was or was not inevitable based on the facts you just listed.

Step 4: Topic Sentence: Use steps 1 through 3 to write a clearly worded topic sentence that states the point you're trying to make in your paragraph.

Step 5: Write a body paragraph based on the planning you've done above.

***Remember to ask yourself which other ideas you plan to discuss in your essay that might be connected to this paragraph. What should come next? Should I talk about the ideas from this paragraph again later on and combine them with other ideas?