Text-Based Argumentative Writing: Paragraph Response Template

Your paragraph *must* include the following in EITHER of the two formats:

1. **Claim/Position** (one sentence that states what the author proved in the text. see **box#1** below)
2. **Evidence**  (use sentence frames in **box #2** below)
3. **Explanation** (use sentence fames in **box #2** below)
4. **Evidence**  (use sentence frames in **box #2** below)
5. **Explanation/Commentary** (use sentence fames in **box #2** below)
6. **Concluding sentence** (restate the claim/topic sentence in other words)

**OR**

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6. **Concluding sentence** (restate the claim/topic sentence in other words box #3 below)

**Box #1: Claim (modify them as necessary)**

**Sentence frames: (Use only one)**

**If you are determining the claim of an author, use only one sentence frame below**

1. The author claims that….

2. It is the author’s opinion that…

3. According to the author, ……. should/ should not…..

**If you have to create a claim use only one sentence frame below**

1. In my opinion …

2. I believe that…..

3. It seems obvious to me that….

4. Although not everybody would agree, my position is …..

**Box #2: Evidence/explanation (modify them as necessary)**

**Sentence frames: (Use only two)**

1. Information provided bythe **(SOURCE/AUTHOR),** declares that **(PARAPHRASE OR QUOTE EVIDENCE THAT SUPPORTS YOUR CLAIM).** This showsthat **(EXPLAIN HOW EVIDENCE SUPPORTS YOUR CLAIM).**

2. According to (**SOURCE/AUTHOR), (PARAPHRASE OR QUOTE EVIDENCE THAT SUPPORTS YOUR CLAIM).** This clearly demonstratesthat **(EXPLAIN HOW EVIDENCE SUPPORTS YOUR CLAIM).**

3. In fact (**SOURCE/AUTHOR)** articulates, **(PARAPHRASE OR QUOTE EVIDENCE THAT SUPPORTS YOUR CLAIM).** This proves that **(EXPLAIN HOW EVIDENCE SUPPORTS YOUR CLAIM).**

**4.** Evidence from the(**SOURCE/AUTHOR)** asserts that **(PARAPHRASE OR QUOTE EVIDENCE THAT SUPPORTS YOUR CLAIM).** This confirms that … because **(EXPLAIN HOW EVIDENCE SUPPORTS YOUR CLAIM).**

**5.**  Research shows from **(SOURCE/AUTHOR),** declares that **(PARAPHRASE OR QUOTE EVIDENCE THAT SUPPORTS YOUR CLAIM).** This showsthat **(EXPLAIN HOW EVIDENCE SUPPORTS YOUR CLAIM).**

**6.** **(SOURCE/AUTHOR)** foundthat **(PARAPHRASE OR QUOTE EVIDENCE THAT SUPPORTS YOUR CLAIM).** This showsthat **(EXPLAIN HOW EVIDENCE SUPPORTS YOUR CLAIM).**

**Transition words: Furthermore, Additionally, Moreover, Likewise, Equally, Similarly**

**CLOSING SENTENCE:**

**1**. Restates the claim, uses key words from topic sentence

**Transitions words (use only ONE):** all in all, consequently, ultimately, to sum up, overall, obviously, altogether, clearly, accordingly, Therefore, thus, to conclude, the logical conclusion is, in short, in closing