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Body Paragraph #1

It is essential that we all learn how to write a well organized and strong body paragraph. While we read To Kill a Mockingbird, we will write a total of three body paragraphs; this is your first. Please follow the graphic organizer below.

Prompt: Is Tom Robinson Guilty?
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1.) Topic Sentence: Your topic sentence introduces the main idea of the paragraph. You need to have a clear position. For the purposes of this exercise, make sure you are fully answering the prompt that has been given to you.

2.) Context for Quote: Before you can actually put in your quote, you need to give it some context. In just 1-2 sentences, briefly describe the situation that the quote is set in. (This does not mean that you describe the entire book! Just let me know where the quote falls in the story.)

3.) Quote: Now it is time to actually use your evidence. Make sure that your chosen quote supports your position and that it is valuable and significant. The more powerful the quote, the better. Your quote should be no more than three lines, so make sure that it is focused. Finally, your quote needs to be integrated. DO NOT just drop in the quote and call it a day. Actually spend the time to integrate it. (Don't remember how? Use the MLA guide that I gave you!)

4.) Analysis: It is not enough for you to just put in a quote – you need to actually explain how the quote proves your topic sentence is true.

5.) Concluding Sentence: In just one sentence, you need to summarize the main idea of the paragraph. This is your chance to wrap your whole paragraph up. Your concluding sentence is similar to your topic sentence, but it still needs to be original. This means that you should NOT just copy and paste your topic sentence. Restate it in a new way.

6.)Extra Credit: For 5 additional points, take all of the sections above and rewrite them into one seamless paragraph.