



Paragraphs

Use paragraphs to divide your thoughts into units that your reader can easily understand. When writing an essay, your body paragraphs should follow the same pattern as the ideas in your introductory paragraph.

Directions: Read the introductory paragraphs. Based on the preview of main points, determine what the next paragraphs will be about.

1. Voluntary recycling alone is not having enough impact on the environment, and it is time that recycling be legally mandated. Humans are damaging the environment more quickly than it can be improved. The state of the planet is getting worse, rather than better. Meanwhile, consumerism is at an all-time high. To fail to do something as simple as recycling is inexcusable.

What will the first body paragraph be about? _____

What will the second body paragraph be about? _____

What will the third body paragraph be about? _____

2. Universal health care is inevitable in America. The U.S. and Mexico are the only countries out of 34 members of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) that currently don't have universal health care. The lack of universal health care in this country is a political embarrassment. Those who oppose it say that it would be too costly for the country, but in fact, universal health care would have a profoundly positive impact on our economic stability.

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