Schaffer Model of Writing

The Perfect Body Paragraph!
Basic Structure

• Topic Sentence (TS)
• Concrete Detail (CD)
• Commentary (CM)
• Concluding Sentence (CS)
Topic Sentence

- Topic Sentence (TS) tells the reader the basic idea of the paragraph
- Use elements of the essay prompt when writing the TS
Concrete Details

• Concrete details (CD) are facts.
• These are the heart of the paragraph or paper, from these everything else follows.
• Names, Dates, Events, Text References!
Commentary

- Commentary (CM) is your opinion or how you feel about the concrete details
- Use words with emotional content when writing commentary
- Evaluations and judgments
Concluding Sentence

- Concluding sentence (CS) wraps up the paragraph
- Basically restates the topic sentence in different words
Ratios for Class

- English = 1 CD: 2+ CM
- Social Science = 2+ CD: 1 CM
- Math = 3+ CD: 0 CM
- Science = 2+ CD: 1 CM