

# Writing in Mr. Haydock's CP US History Classes

# I. Basic Model Paragraph (Bump)

TEE it up!

- Topic sentence - what you are asserting (claiming or arguing)
- Example/evidence - what supports or proves your assertion (often a quote!)
- Explanation - how your example supports the point made in the topic sentence

## Topic sentence - What you are asserting

Cats are better than dogs. This is true for several reasons. First, cats don't bark. According to veterinarian Iwana Khat, "Barking dogs keep people up at night and make neighborhoods noisy." Thus dogs ruin people's sleep. Furthermore, studies conducted by the Cat Institute proved that "cats can be trained to poop in a cat box." Cat boxes are easier to clean than the lawn, which is where most dogs poop. Finally, cats are better because they don't slobber. The New York Times recently reported that "dogs slobber 37.5 times more than cats." No one wants to be covered in animal spit, but if you have a dog, you will be regularly slimed! Clearly, cats are better than dogs.

## Examples/evidence - Reasons your topic sentence is true

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## Explanation -

### Why your example supports your assertion

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