Mrs. Kern's Hints for Writing Body Paragraphs

- Make sure that your TOPIC SENTENCE directly connects with your THESIS. You can do this by using key words and ideas.

- Be sure to INTRODUCE your evidence, especially when you are using a direct quotation.

  Example:
  When Brutus stabbed Caesar, Caesar responded: "Et tu, Brute?" (3.1.85).

- Remember to ANALYZE your evidence—EXPLAIN how it connects with the THESIS.

  Example:
  "Et tu, Brute?" (3.1.85). Caesar’s surprised response shows the sting of Brutus’s betrayal. It was the stab of Brutus that ultimately killed Caesar.

- At the end of the body paragraph, have a CONCLUSION sentence that sums up the paragraph.