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| **P** | **E** | **E** | **L** |
| **Point**  Main idea of the paragraph  (in a comparative essay, 1 key similarity or difference) | **Evidence**  Specific example from the text. Use a direct quote. | **Elaborate**  What does this mean? Why did you use this evidence? | **Link**  Paragraph conclusion. Connect what you have said to your essay thesis. |
| * One of the main factors… * A key point to consider is… * An equally significant aspect of… * Another important factor… * Before considering X it is important to note Y * We should also consider… * Given the advantages of … outlined in the previous paragraph, another point is… * Another difference in… * To continue with the similarities between…   **Other words for important:**  Main, key, significant, major | * An illustration of this is when… * The author says… * As the author points out * An example of this occurs when the main character says, “…” * As stated in the text * The author illustrates this point when she states, “…” * Toward the end of the story Atticus says, “…” * In the scene where…   **Common verbs to introduce textual evidence:**  Argues, writes, concludes, reveals, observes, comments, suggests, explains, states, claims, demonstrates, notes, implies | * This shows that… * This demonstrates… * It’s clear from this that… * What this suggests is… * Again, this highlights… * This supports the idea that… * What this means is…   **Other words for show:**  Demonstrate, describe, indicate, mean, present, reflect, represent, reveal, suggest, symbolise  **Other words from emphasise:**  Accentuate, amplify, highlight, reinforce, strengthen, support  **Words for comparison:**  Similarly, equally, also, furthermore, just as, so too, in a similar way, likewise, moreover  **Words for contrast:**  At the same time, but, despite, however, nonetheless, though unlike, yet, on the contrary | * Therefore, the… * In summary,… * In brief,… * It has been seen that,… * To review,… * To summarise,… * Thus,… * In short,… * To sum up,… * Hence… * In essence…   **Other evaluative terms:**  Achieves, affects, engages, creates, illustrates, implies, proves, resolves, uses |

