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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 |

