**CLEAR Paragraph Template**

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| **C****L****A****I****M** | *FACTS + ANALYSIS:**Topic + commentary that applies to all Is in the paragraph (opinion, analysis, interpretation, why it matters, “so what”)* |
| **L****E****A****D****I****N** | *FACT/S:* *Background information your reader needs to know to understand your topic**Fact, quote, paraphrase, example, illustration, evidence, support, plot reference, plot summary* |
| **E****V****I****D****E****N****C****E** | *FACTS:* *quote, paraphrase, example, illustration, evidence, support, plot reference, plot summary* |
| **A****N****A****L****Y****S****I****S** | *ANALYSIS:**So what, why, analysis, interpretation, evaluation, feelings, opinion, significance, reasons why* |
| **R****E****A****S****O****N****I****N****G** | *ANALYSIS:**Gives finished feeling for the paragraph; no repeats; ties to the CLAIM* |