# **WRITING ESSAY PARAGRAPHS: TEEAL STRUCTURE TEMPLATE**

### TEEAL is a method for structuring paragraphs in the body of an essay. Each letter represents a part of the structure:

**T**opic sentence Introduces an aspect of your argument relating to the essay question and reflects what the paragraph is about.

**E**xplanation Explains in more detail and elaborates on relevant aspects of the topic sentence.

**E**vidence Relevant, specific, important evidence and examples to support your argument.

**A**nalysis/Counter **A**rgument

Your interpretation of the evidence and its significance for your argument/considers any relevant counter argument as required.

**L**ink to the question A concluding sentence that links your paragraph to the essay topic and adjacent paragraphs.

**Paragraph** **1:**

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| Topic sentence |  |
| Explanation (background/context) |  |
| Evidence |  |
| Analysis/ Counter Argument |  |
| Link to the question |  |

**Paragraph** **2:**

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| Topic sentence |  |
| Explanation |  |
| Evidence |  |
| Analysis/ Counter Argument |  |
| Link to the question |  |

**Paragraph** **3:**

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| Topic sentence |  |
| Explanation |  |
| Evidence |  |
| Analysis/ Counter Argument |  |
| Link to the question |  |