***Introduction to writing CERC paragraphs: (8-10 Sentences)***

**The Claim/Topic Sentence:**  
States the topic of what you are going to prove.

**Evidence/Details:**  
Three BIG details that support your claim,  
**Transition words** go before each piece of evidence/detail and the conclusion sentence.  
  
**Reasons/Elaborations:**  
Specific examples that further explain each piece of evidence/detail.    
Remember, that your reasoning/elaborations will be longer than your evidence/details.

**Conclusion Sentence:**  
Rephrases the claim/topic sentence.    
\*\***Never use "As you can see"** as a transition phrase because you do not know what the reader sees and you should **never use the pronoun "you."**\*\*Use **Clinchers** such as:  Clearly, Surely, To summarize.