Paragraph Sandwich

• **Paragraph:** A group of sentences dealing with a particular idea

• **Metaphor:** a sandwich, like a paragraph, contains several parts that work together to form one taste or one idea.
Bread: Top Slice/Topic Sentence

• The top slice of bread keeps the sandwich together

• **Topic Sentence**—Usually first in paragraph. States the main idea of the paragraph.

Example: Paragraphs are similar to sandwiches.
Condiments/Restrictive Statement

• Mustard and mayonnaise make the bread taste better.

• Restrictive Statement-Clarifies the topic sentence.

Example: While good sandwiches contain several items that work together, paragraphs consist of several parts that convey a single idea.
Meat/Details

• Meat provides the substance of the sandwich.

• Details provide the substance of a paragraph.

• Make sure details are meaty, clear and specific.

Example:

Good sandwiches include bread, condiments, a lot of meat, and some cheese. Good paragraphs include topic sentences, restrictive statements, details, explanations, and clinchers.
Cheese/Explanation

• Cheese makes the meat taste better.
• Explanations make details more clear and meaningful to the reader.

Example: While each of the parts works individually, it also works with the other parts to create a unified item—either a sandwich or a paragraph.
Bottom Bread/ Clincher

• The bottom piece of bread keeps the sandwich together.

• A clincher is the final statement of a paragraph. It closes up the paragraph and leads into the next paragraph.

Example: Much like the paragraphs they represent, good sandwiches should be thick with details and clearly enjoyable to all readers.
Paragraphs are similar to sandwiches. While good sandwiches contain several items that work together, paragraphs consist of several parts that convey a single idea. Good sandwiches include bread, condiments, a lot of meat, and some cheese. Good paragraphs include topic sentences, restrictive statements, details, explanations, and clinchers. While each of the parts works individually, it also works with the other parts to create a unified item—either a sandwich or a paragraph. Much like the paragraphs they represent, good sandwiches should be thick with details and clearly enjoyable to all readers.