**How to Write a Proper Paragraph**

Writing a proper persuasive paragraph requires you to present an idea and justify your stance. Below is a step by step guide on how to achieve a well-structured paragraph.

**Introduction**

* Your paragraph must have a Thesis
  + A thesis is a statement of theory that is presented in the beginning.
  + It presents an argument
* Your thesis should specifically include examples of what you will discuss
  + For example:
    - **Bad:** The Shang Dynasty had to be overthrown.
    - **Good:** The Shang Dynasty had to be overthrown because they abused their power, did not preach faith enough and did not take advantage of their Geography.

**Body**

* Use the next 4-6 sentences to explain what your thesis discussed.
* You should highlight only 2 or 3 different ideas.
  + Do not just throw 10 ideas into your paragraph with 0 explanation. This is considered to be a “laundry list” of ideas and only shows a “developing” level of understanding
  + By using 2-3 ideas, you can take 1-3 sentences to explain each of them clearly and why they prove your thesis.

**Conclusion**

* This is one final sentence that summarizes your assignment.
* It can be similar to your thesis, but do not copy it exactly.