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**Essential Question: What makes a
body paragraph?**

**Agenda: 1) Class Notes: Body
Paragraph Check List 2) Model
Paragraph a) Topic Sentences b)
Evidence 3) Revising in the
Computer Lab**

Homework: Revise your body paragraphs

Class Notes: Body Paragraph Checklist

A good body paragraph has the following...

- A topic sentence that directly relates to your thesis statement
 - This should be a claim that you need to prove in order to prove your thesis statement
 - Evidence (at least 2 quotes per paragraph)
 - Introduction - who, what, where, when, and why of the quote
 - Relevant Quotes (prove your argument rather than just mention it with proper citation (Act #, Scene #, Line #)).
 - Explanation - why it proves your topic sentence
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Sample Thesis & Body Paragraph

Hamlet confuses revenge and justice, and, as a result, he destroys himself and those around him.

Sample resulting topic sentences:

- Body Paragraph 1: In response to the murder of his father, Hamlet seeks justice through revenge.
 - Body Paragraph 2: Consumed by his quest for revenge, Hamlet begins to blur the distinction between justice & revenge.
 - Body Paragraph 3: Hamlet's exhaustive pursuit of revenge pushes him to madness, which, like a parasite, destroys him and all those around him.
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Sample Body Paragraph (1st half)

- Read the 1st half of this sample body paragraph
 - Identify the following
 - Topic sentence
 - Introduction of evidence
 - Evidence
 - Explanation
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Sample Body Paragraph

- Does the topic sentence prove part of thesis? Is it a claim rather than a fact?
 - Evidence
 - Is the quote introduced thoroughly so that the reader has enough information to tell where it came from and make sense of the quote?
 - Is the quote cited correctly?
 - Is it clear how the quote proves the topic sentence?
 - Is the quote relevant and well-chosen?
 - Is the quote explained thoroughly (how it connects to the topic sentence)?
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Revising Body Paragraphs

- Revise your body paragraphs in the computer lab
 - Use each other as resources
 - Exchange body paragraphs
 - Use your notes as a checklist
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Write a guide for undercover deputies who are trying to fit in at your school.