

OUTLINE FOR A SUCCESSFUL EVIDENCE PARAGRAPH

- Topic sentence: Clearly introduce the subject of your paragraph.
 - Example #1: This year, the eighth grade class participated in a week-long workshop called Operation PRIDE, which is hosted by the California Border Patrol.
 - What is the evidence paragraph subject for example #1? Yes. The topic is Operation PRIDE.
 - Example #2: One of the lessons that I learned in my 8th grade library class was advanced cataloging skills.
 - What is the evidence paragraph subject for example #2? Right again. The topic is advanced cataloging skills.
- Describe your piece of evidence.
 - Detail your piece of evidence further in this section to demonstrate a thorough understanding of your topic.
- *Connect* your evidence to the sublevel SLE that you are providing evidence *for*. Perhaps this seems obvious, but this critical step is often overlooked. Do not rely on your reader to read your mind or connect the dots in your reasoning; clearly state your logic for choosing your evidence for this sublevel SLE. Why is your evidence an example of the sublevel SLE you are applying it to?
 - Example: How might participating in Operation PRIDE apply to “I.A. - practices Christian virtues by making good moral judgements?”
 - How might the same piece of evidence (PRIDE) apply to “IV.A. - strives to live a balanced life?”
- How does the evidence represent mastery of the sublevel SLE?
 - After you connect your evidence to the sublevel SLE, explain how your evidence demonstrates mastery of that sublevel SLE.
- Conclusion: What physical piece of evidence did you include to represent your paragraph’s topic?
 - Example: The evidence that I included for this sublevel SLE is the certificate of completion that I received after the week-long Operation PRIDE workshops.