

### ***Paragraph Revision***

pp. 68-82 in *The Everyday Writer*

Think about **organizing your paragraphs around one clear point**. A point is another name for a reason that supports your main idea/thesis.

When we read, we expect three basic things from any paragraph. We could name these three things **the issue, the point, and the discussion** of the paragraph.

**ISSUE**: The first section of the paragraph. Sometimes only the first part of the first sentence, sometimes longer than the first sentence, the **issue** introduces your reader to all the characters, themes, and ideas that will be discussed in the paragraph.

**POINT**: Usually located immediately after the issue but sometimes at the end of the paragraph, the **point** is an explicit, on-the-page statement about how this paragraph is related to the main claim or sub-claim of your discussion. In other words, the point is where you state your reason.

**DISCUSSION**: The main body of your paragraph, the **discussion** is where readers will look for you to explain the issue more fully and provide evidence (quotations, examples, anecdotes, statistics) to support the point of your paragraph.

Provide **transitions** between paragraphs. See handout given in class and pp. 79-80 in *The Everyday Writer*.