

LESSON 5.1

BOTEC (PARAGRAPH) GUIDED

Directions: Use the BOTEC strategy to help you plan your paragraph.

<u>Brainstorm</u>: Write the topic in the box below and then record everything that comes to mind when you think about that topic.

Topic/Main Idea:		
Thoughts about Topic:		

Organize: Sort everything you wrote down into categories, or 'pockets'. Think about how the ideas go together and decide on a label for each pocket. *Hint:* You may decide not to use everything you listed, and that is okay.

POCKET 1	POCKET 2	POCKET 3
Label:	Label:	Label:

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Topic Sentence: Select one pocket label and create a topic sentence for this paragraph.

Pocket Label:	 	 	
Topic Sentence: _	 	 	

Evidence (or Examples): Put the ideas that you generated in the "**B**rainstorm" section that support your topic sentence in the box below.

Evidence/Example 1:	
Evidence/Example 2:	
Evidence/Example 3:	

Conclusion: Write a conclusion that circles back to your topic sentence and wraps up your paragraph.