Body Paragraphs

For Comparative Summary
Reviewing AXES

Body paragraphs have 4 distinct elements:

- **ASSERTION** (topic sentence or claim sentence)
- **EVIDENCE** (supporting sentences or examples)
- **EXPLANATION** (gives reasons for the evidence and connects evidence and assertion [claim])
- **SIGNIFICANCE** (state why this assertion matters; connect back to thesis statement)
Student Example

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