

## E-Mag Article/Biography Rough Draft Guidelines

You now need to write the body paragraphs of your article using your notes. Use the following checklist when writing your rough draft.

- Check Google Classroom for the rough document I sent you; use this to type
- Make sure your work is double spaced
- Make sure your first and last name are centered at the top of your article
- Make sure you indent each paragraph (hit the tab key one time)
- Each paragraph starts with a **topic sentence** focusing on **one** main idea (see yellow below)
- Body sentences contain details that **only** support the main idea listed in topic sentence
- Each paragraph ends with a **transitional sentence** that leads reader to main idea of next paragraph (see light blue below)
- Do not worry about your introductory nor concluding paragraphs
- Use the information below to help you write your paragraphs

When writing, remember that you need to organize your ideas into **paragraphs**. Providing you have made detailed notes, think of each guiding question as the topic for a paragraph in the body of your article. Therefore, if you have 5 guiding questions, you should have at least 5 paragraphs in the body of your article. Ideally, each of your paragraphs should be 4-7 sentences long.

Below is an example of how I turned the notes I made for one of my guiding questions into a paragraph. The information in the box includes my guiding question and the notes I made. Under the box is a paragraph I wrote based

### What Technology Did They Use?

- tools made of wood, bone, stone
- bow and arrow, later the atlatl
- early cooking stuff made from gourds
- also used woven yucca
- later made pottery

While some of the tools the Anasazi used may seem primitive to us now, they were actually quite advanced at using things from nature to meet their needs in a harsh environment. Their hunting tools were crafted from bones, wood and stones, and as they became more technologically advanced, their primary weapon was the atlatl. It was more accurate than the bow and arrow, and it also allowed the projectile to travel much farther. There were also technological advances in the cooking kits that the Anasazi used. Early on, they used gourds for storage and cooking. Next, they created pots and containers woven out of yucca plants, and finally they developed highly decorated clay pots that they would fire to store items and use for cookware. Their tools changed over time, and so did the houses they built and lived in.