## Paragraph Templates: Patterns of Organization

### Cause and Effect

**Topic sentence:**

________________________________________________________

________________________________________________________

________________________________________________________

**Details:**

(cause) ________________________________________________

Because of this __________________________________________

The effect was __________________________________________

Another effect was ________________________________________

**Concluding sentence:**

________________________________________________________

________________________________________________________

**Common Transitions:**

*because of, as a result, caused by, consequently, for that reason, that is why, therefore, thus*

### Problem and Solution

**Topic sentence:**

________________________________________________________

________________________________________________________

________________________________________________________

**Details:**

The problem was _________________________________________

Also _____________________________________________________

The solution was __________________________________________

Another solution was ______________________________________

**Concluding sentence:**

________________________________________________________

________________________________________________________

**Common Transitions:**

*the problem is, the question is, a solution is, therefore, if…then*
### Sequence or Chronology

**Topic sentence:**

- __________________________________________________________
- __________________________________________________________
- __________________________________________________________

**Details:**

- First _____________________________________________________
- Second ____________________________________________________
- Next ______________________________________________________
- Finally _____________________________________________________

**Concluding sentence:**

- __________________________________________________________
- __________________________________________________________

**Common Transitions:**

*first, second, initially, before, next, following, after, then, finally, lastly*

### Description or Explanation

**Topic sentence:**

- __________________________________________________________
- __________________________________________________________
- __________________________________________________________

**Details:**

- One thing __________________________________________________
- Another ____________________________________________________
- In addition ________________________________________________

**Concluding sentence:**

- __________________________________________________________
- __________________________________________________________

**Common Transitions:**

*for instance, such as, another, in addition, for example, furthermore, also*
### Compare and Contrast

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**Compare Details:**

- One similarity is ___________________________________________
- They both ____________________________________________________
- A final way they are the same ______________________________________

**Contrast Details:**

- One way they are different ______________________________________
- Another way they are different ________________________________
- A final difference is _________________________________________

**Concluding sentence:** ________________________________________

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