Well Written Paragraph

ELEMENTS OF A PARAGRAPH

Topic Sentence- introduces the main idea & makes a claim-takes a position that will be proven

Evidence: facts, documents, examples, etc. that thoroughly PROVE the CLAIM in the topic sentence of the paragraph

Analysis- author's comments pointing out connections, relationships, similarities, differences- extending the evidence to further PROVE the CLAIM in the topic sentence

Concluding Statement- reminds reader that claim has been proven & explains importance, pulls paragraph together, & often has a transition to the next topic sentence

Sample Paragraph

Athenian Greeks started the development of democracy creating a government without a king.. The Greek's idea of allowing citizens to vote in the Senate was an important step away from all the power resting in the hands of a monarch. They also used a jury to make decisions in trials rather than a single individual having all the power to make judgments on legal matters. The seeds of democracy began in Athens, Greece but others have contributed the development of democratic ideas.

NOW IT'S YOUR TURN :)

Hints-use your notes and check to see if you have ALL of the elements of a well-written paragraph-

* topic sentence,
* 2-3 pieces of evidence,
* each piece of evidence is analyzed,
* closing statement.

Finish the following paragraph:

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| Romans extended the development of democracy by creating a republic with representatives governing for the benefit of the people. |