*“Writing, or at least good writing, is an outgrowth of that urge to use language to communicate complex ideas and experiences between people. And that’s true whether you’re reading Shakespeare or bad vampire fiction. Reading is always an act of empathy. It’s always an imagining of what it’s like to be someone else. So I’m going to ask you to read critically, to look closely at a text and pay attention to the subtle ways the author is trying to communicate the full complexity of human experience.” –John Green*

**TPEQEA**

**TPEQEA** is a writing strategy that will help you to write clear and concise paragraphs. By using TPEQEA when you write you will be better prepared to answer constructed response questions.

**Writing Format**

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| **Name** | **# of Sentences** | **Function** |
| **Topic Sentence** | **1** | **General, broad introductory sentence** |
| **Point** | **1** | **Specific, focused sentence** |
| **Example** | **1-3** | **An example that illustrates the point** |
| **Quote(s)** | **1-3** | **Direct quote(s) from the text which support(s) your point** |
| **Elaboration** | **3-5** | **Explain the point/quote/example** |
| **Analysis** | **2-5** | **Take it further; how does this impact society; why do we care? So, what?** |