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**Persuasive Argument Body Paragraph Graphic Organizer**

1. **Claim/topic sentence** – States your opinion on a debatable topic. It clearly states what the whole paragraph will be about.

 Examples: **Margaret Thatcher is most significant because** **of her fearlessness.**

 **Tom Brady is the most significant athlete** **because of his numerous awards.**

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1. **Evidence 1** is provided that supports the claim made in the topic sentence.

Begins with a **transition word**: First…. To begin with…

**SET UP:** before the evidence, provide some info. about where it was found or who said it etc.

Example: **To begin with, according to Biography.com, in a plot by the Irish Republic Army, she was meant to be killed by a bomb planted at the Conservative Conference in Brighton. She insisted that the conference continue, and gave a powerful speech the following day.**

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1. COMMENTARY explains the significance of the evidence (in your own words) making a connection to the claim in the TS

Uses a transition: This shows… This displays… This supports…. This indicates… This proves…

EXAMPLE of just commentary**: This shows that Thatcher was significant due to the fact that she was chosen as the leader of England in the 1970s. To make a comparison, over fifty years later America still has not elected a female leader.**

EXAMPLE of evidence and commentary: **To begin with, according to Biography.com, in a plot by the Irish Republic Army, she was meant to be killed by a bomb planted at the Conservative Conference in Brighton. She insisted that the conference continue, and gave a powerful speech the following day. This displays her significance and courage by remaining strong and carrying on in the face of immense personal danger.**

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4/5. Now add **EVIDENCE 2** and **commentary**.

Be sure to use **TRANSITIONS** (Next, … Secondly,…) and **SET UP** the evidence by giving some who, what, where, when information (stating where it was found or who, where or when it was said).

EXAMPLE of evidence and commentary: Next, as seen on History.com, Thatcher voiced her support for Ronald Reagan's air raids on Libya in 1986 and allowed U.S. forces to use British bases to help carry out the attack. This proves her fearlessness as she was undaunted by the repercussions of her actions and this displays her significant courageous leadership.

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6/7. Then add **EVIDENCE 3** and **commentary**.

Be sure to use **TRANSITIONS** (Finally,… Another example is …) and **SET UP** the evidence by giving some who, what, where, when information (stating where it was found or who, where or when it was said)

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8. CLOSING SENTENCE: Closes/concludes the body paragraph

* It could be a restating of the topic sentence
* It could be an I have learned statement. (I have learned) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* Example: Margaret Thatcher’s bravery and boldness helped her to successfully lead England through troubled times and makes her the most significant leader in history.

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BODY PARAGRAPH EXAMPLE (it is missing evidence 3 and commentary 3)

**Margret Thatcher is the most significant person in history due to her fearlessness. To begin with, according to Biography.com, in a plot by the Irish Republic Army, she was meant to be killed by a bomb planted at the Conservative Conference in Brighton. She insisted that the conference continue, and gave a powerful speech the following day. This displays her significance by remaining strong and carrying on in the face of immense personal danger. Next, as seen on History.com, Thatcher voiced her support for Ronald Reagan's air raids on Libya in 1986 and allowed U.S. forces to use British bases to help carry out the attack. This proves her substantial fearlessness as she was undaunted by the possible repercussions of her actions. Margaret Thatcher’s bravery and boldness helped her to successfully lead England through troubled times and makes her the most significant person in history.**