USING THE WEED MODEL TO CREATE PERFECT PARAGRAPHS

WHAT
You should begin your paragraph with the topic or point that you’re making, so that it’s clear to your lecturer. Everything in the paragraph should fit in with this opening sentence.

EVIDENCE
The middle of your paragraph should be full of evidence – this is where all your references should be incorporated. Make sure that your evidence fits in with your topic.

EXAMPLES
Sometimes it’s useful to expand on your evidence. If you’re talking about a case study, the example might be how your point relates to the particular scenario being discussed.

DO
You should conclude your paragraph with the implications of your discussion. This gives you the opportunity to add your commentary, which is very important in assignments which require you to use critical analysis.

See an example WEED paragraph on the next page!
What
A paragraph is a group of sentences that share the same idea.

Evidence/Examples
Paragraphs are used to structure writing and make it easier for the reader to follow. Godfrey (2016, p.84) advises that even though paragraphs should have a beginning, middle and end they should be focused on one idea and be organised with a logical flow to signpost the reader through a piece of work. When you plan a piece of writing, you decide on which different ideas you are going to include. Paragraphs can highlight when the writing is changing gear, for example to introduce a new point or to discuss the contrasting sides in a debate (Copus, 2009, p.51).

Do
Therefore, when used effectively you can use paragraphs to develop each of the important points in an assignment.

References: