**What is a paragraph?**

 **A paragraph is a group of sentences that work together to explain or support one idea.**

**What is contained in a good paragraph?**

 **A good paragraph contains the following:**

* **Topic sentence – a sentence that states the main idea of the paragraph.**
* **Unity – every sentence belongs. Each sentence develops and explains the topic sentence.**
* **A sense of audience and purpose.**
	+ - **Audience – who will read your paragraph**
		- **Purpose – to inform, persuade, describe, tell a story, or to compare and contrast**