**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**