*CERC Paragraph*

Use the colors of a traffic signal to help you write a paragraph.

GO! Make your claim (topic sentence)

A claim is what you are trying to prove. It is the main idea or topic of the paragraph ; a statement you believe to be true and can prove with evidence. This is also known as a ***topic sentence.***

SLOW DOWN! State evidence ( Write a reason, detail, fact or

example that proves your claim. )

Evidence suggests you’re right because it backs up the claim. Use transition words to help the reader follow your evidence. “ *First,…..”*

STOP! What is your Reasoning? (“Prove it” by explaining how the

evidence supports the claim).

Stop and explain more about what you just said. Tie in your evidence to your

claim.

Conclusion- Restate ( say again) your claim, but in different words.