

# YORKWAC Infobase

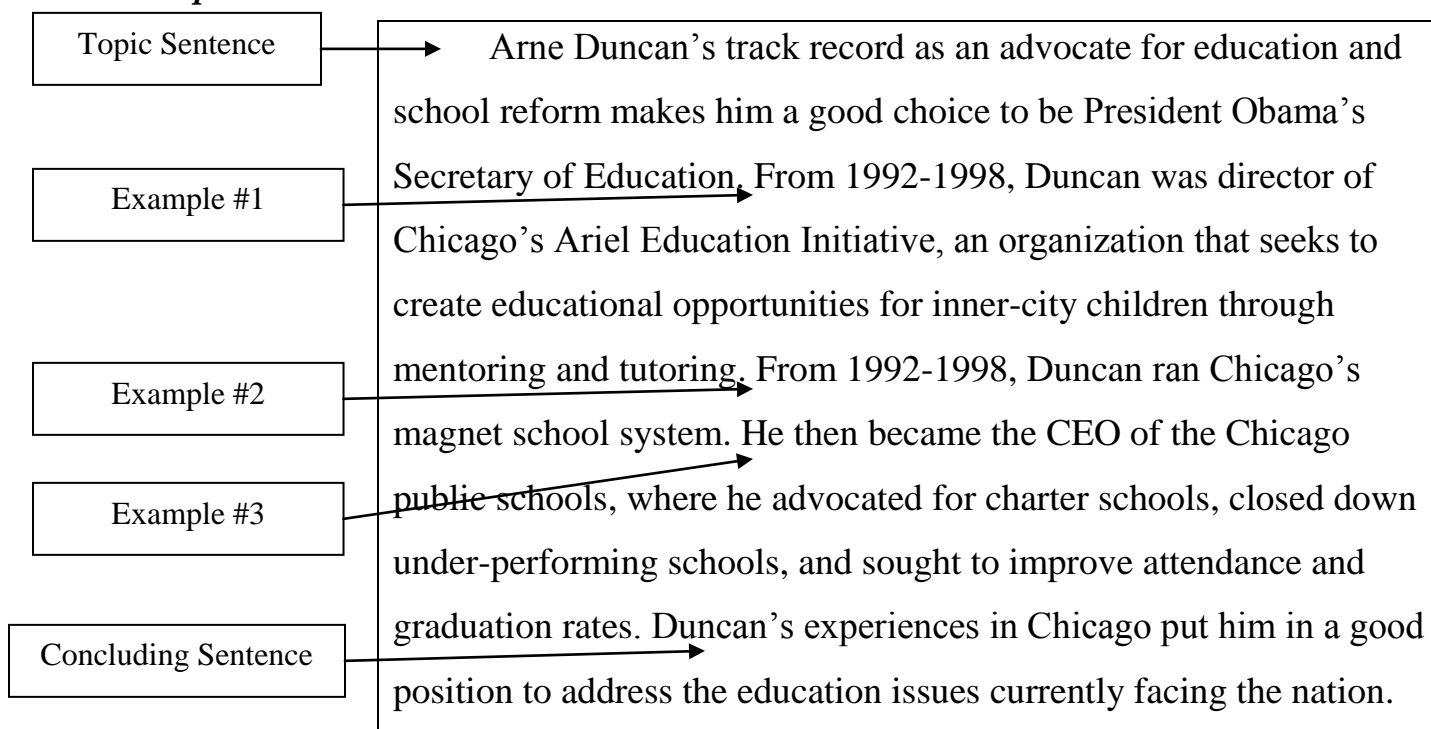
## Types of Paragraphs: Generalization and Examples

Within the basic structure of the paragraph, you have options for writing different types of paragraphs that present information in different ways.

The *generalization and example* type of paragraph works like this:

1. The *topic sentence* makes a claim.
2. The *supporting details* provide illustrative examples.
3. The *concluding sentence* ties your examples together, reiterates the main idea, and provides a transition to the next paragraph.

### Example



Source: "Obama Chooses Arne Duncan for Secretary of Education." Post on *Edu News Blog*. Dated December 18, 2008. Available at <http://www.eduinreview.com/blog/2008/12/obama-chooses-arne-duncan-for-secretary-of-education/>.

For information about different types of paragraph organization, consult the following Infosheets in the **YorkWAC Infobase**:

Infosheet #24, Basic Paragraph Format

Infosheet #25, Different Types of Paragraphs

Infosheet #27, Types of Paragraphs: Chronological Order

Infosheet #28, Types of Paragraphs: Steps in a Process

Infosheet #29, Types of Paragraphs: Compare and Contrast

Infosheet #30, Types of Paragraphs: Cause and Effect