EXAMPLE PARAGRAPH

Nonviolent protest has been a major force in the world. In the late 1940s and early 1950s, Mahatma Ghandi and his followers used nonviolent protest to gain independence for India from Britain. For the first time in decades, Indians had their own country. In the 1960s, Martin Luther King and his followers used nonviolent protest to gain rights for Blacks in America. Through nonviolent protest, they obtained rights that had been denied to them since the slaves had been freed, such as the right to sit anywhere on a bus, eat in any restaurant, and vote in elections. Thus, nonviolent protest has been successfully used by oppressed people to gain independence from other nations; it has also been used to gain personal rights and freedoms.

QUESTIONS

1. Is the Topic Sentence a General, Specific, or Clueing Topic Sentence?

2. What are the two Lead-off Detail Sentences?

3. What are the two transitions that begin those two Detail Sentences?

4. Is the Clincher Sentence a General, Clueing, or Specific Topic Sentence?

5. What is the concluding transition?

6. What is the tense?

7. What is the point of view?