

## Parts of a Paragraph

1. Topic/Thesis sentence
2. Concrete details and commentary
3. Quotation
4. Analysis
5. Concluding sentence

## Quotation from “The Black Cat”

- When the man kills the black cat:
- “I knew that in so doing I was committing a sin — a deadly sin that would so jeopardize my immortal soul as to place it — if such a thing were possible — even beyond the reach of the infinite mercy of the Most Merciful and Most Terrible God” (164-165)
- Analyze:
  - Specific words chosen by the author/narrator
  - Significance of the quote’s meaning to the rest of the story
  - How the quote connects to/brings out themes from the story