

Effective Writing: CSET

C = claim

- A statement of a position that you want to persuade others to believe.
- The topic and what you say about it.
- The answer to a prompt in your own words.
- The WHAT
- Claims have different names in different contexts: hypotheses in science, thesis statements in essays, positions, propositions, and avenues of approach.
- EX: Holden Caulfield, from J. D. Salinger's novel, *The Catcher in the Rye*, is just an extreme example of a typical teenager.

S = set up

- A reference to context.
- Where evidence/argument was found
- Contains information about the evidence to be used
- The WHY
- Why do you think that?
- What is the source of your proof?
- EX: In middle of the story..., At the beginning of..., On page..., In the rationale of..., According to ...

E = evidence

- The proof that backs up the claim
- How do you know?
- Consists of any of the following: examples, facts, observation, data, statistics, quotations, your paraphrase of material from the source
- EX: the author writes..., the survey concludes..., the character argues..., the reporter claims...,

T = tie in

- Tie the evidence to the claim
- Explain **why** the evidence supports the claim
- OR show **how** the evidence supports the claim
- Why does the evidence make sense?
- Connect the logical dots from the evidence to the claim
- EX: In other words..., In general..., By this he means..., Often...
- EX: This (line/quote/statement/statistic) (proves/demonstrates/shows/suggests) that ...,
- EX: I can conclude that...because..., I can infer that...because..., In conclusion...

CSET Paragraph Graphic Organizer
(use this to help write your paragraph)

Claim (topic sentence)	1.
Set up (reference to source)	2.
Evidence sentence (transition word + quote/paraphrase from text)	3.
Tie in sentence (how the evidence supports the claim)	4.
Evidence sentence (transition word + quote/paraphrase from text)	5.
Tie in sentence (how the evidence supports the claim)	6.
Evidence sentence (transition word + quote/paraphrase	7.

from text)	
Tie in sentence (how the evidence supports the claim)	8.
Conclusion sentence (transition word + restatement of claim)	9.