

# Three-Paragraph Story Checklists

## Checklist for the Introductory Paragraph

- \_\_\_\_ **Topic Sentence (grabber)**
- \_\_\_\_ **Detail Sentences about**  
**characters** L \_\_\_\_  
F \_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_ **Detail Sentences about**  
**setting** L \_\_\_\_  
F \_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_ **Detail Sentences about**  
**beginning event(s)** L \_\_\_\_  
F \_\_\_\_

## Checklist for the Rising-Action Paragraph

- \_\_\_\_ **Transition/Topic Sentence**
- \_\_\_\_ **Detail Sentences about**  
**Event 1** L \_\_\_\_  
F \_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_ **Detail Sentences about**  
**Event 2** L \_\_\_\_  
F \_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_ **Detail Sentences about**  
**Event 3** L \_\_\_\_  
F \_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_ **Problem introduced**  
**and suspense built**

## Prompt Sheet Climax/Falling Action Paragraph

- \_\_\_\_ **Climax/Transition Sentence-**  
**Introduces crisis**
- \_\_\_\_ **Detail Sentence about**  
**the crisis** F \_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_ **Detail Sentences about**  
**the decision** L \_\_\_\_  
F \_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_ **Detail Sentences about**  
**the actions** L \_\_\_\_  
F \_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_ **Clincher Sentence**
- \_\_\_\_ **Message mentioned**

## General Prompt Sheet

- \_\_\_\_ **Title set apart**
- \_\_\_\_ **Dialogue included**
- \_\_\_\_ **Transitions make sense**
- \_\_\_\_ **Different types of sentences**  
**used**
- \_\_\_\_ **Variety of complex words used**
- \_\_\_\_ **Exciting**
- \_\_\_\_ **Interesting/creative**
- \_\_\_\_ **Shows emotions of characters**