Under Construction:
Building a Paragraph with a Bubble Map
What is a paragraph?

A paragraph is a group of sentences about one topic.
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How do I build a paragraph?

We can build a paragraph like we build a hamburger.

What are the parts of a hamburger?
Just like a hamburger, a good paragraph needs something to hold it together.
Just like a hamburger, a good paragraph needs good details to make a good filling.
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Can you find the 3 parts of the paragraph in the example? Look for the topic sentence, the details, and the closing statement.
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