Introductory Paragraph

Lead (Break the ice with the reader):

Background (Familiarize the reader with the overall topic/subject):

Claim/Controlling Idea/Thesis:

Body Paragraph 1

Topic Sentence/Point 1:

Source 1
Evidence (State and cite proof):

Elaboration/Extension (Explain why/how the evidence supports your claim/controlling idea/thesis):

Source 2
Evidence (State and cite proof):

Elaboration/Extension (Explain why/how the evidence supports your claim/controlling idea/thesis):

Synthesize Info from Sources (Explain how the cited pieces of evidence are similar and prove your point 1):