**Writing for World Cultures**

In an **expository paragraph**, you give information. You explain a subject, give directions, or show how something happens. In expository writing, linking words like first, second, then, and finally are usually used to help readers follow the ideas.

Notice the use of transitional words to help the reader follow the ideas. Also, notice the use of **third person point of view** in this paragraph. The third person point of view (he, she, one) is most commonly used for expository writing, technical writing, and any other sort of writing that has a inormational or persuasive intention or purpose. For World Cultures, you will **always** use third person point of view when writing expository paragraphs, unless otherwise directed. This means there should be no “I” or “you” words anywhere in the paragraph

This paragraph, like any other, organizes itself around three parts.

Topic Sentence – informs the reader what you are writing about

 The concluding Sentence closes your subject with an emphasis on the topic.

 Immediately following the topic sentence is the first supporting sentence (underlined) and two detail/example sentences.

Example:

Going to college can be expensive. First, college tuition and room and board can cost anywhere from $2,000 to more than $10,000 per semester. Other expenses make going to college even more expensive. For example, books typically cost between $100 and $500 each term. Second, materials are also very expensive. Paper, notebooks, writing utensils, and other supplies required often cost more at the college bookstore than at any local discount department store. For instance, a package of notepaper costing $2 at a discount store might cost $5 at a college bookstore. Finally, there are all kinds of special fees added onto the bill at registration time. A college student might have to pay a $50 insurance fee, a $20 activity fee, a $15 fee to the student government association and anywhere from $500 to $100 for parking. There is another fee if a student decides to add or drop classes after registration. *The fees required to attend college never seem to end.*