The Paragraph Burger vs. the Supersize MEAL

In Humanities this year you have learned about one of the fundamental building blocks of good writing: how to structure a solid paragraph. A paragraph is useful if you have one central, concise argument that can be easily summed up with a few supporting details. The structure of a paragraph can be compared to the structure of a burger, with all of the various parts working together to create one complete product.

Directions: Below, label each part of the paragraph burger and jot a few notes about each part of the burger. What does this part of the burger contain? What are its important features? You may look back to your journals if you need to review the parts of the paragraph burger.
But what if your argument or overall idea is too complex to fit into one small paragraph? Instead of limiting yourself to one paragraph, you will instead write an essay that is made up of multiple paragraphs that fit together to form one cohesive argument. An easy way to remember the structure of an essay is to think of it as a Supersize burger. The paragraph burger is still there, but now it is supersized and contains more buns, meat and condiments. There should be so much in your supersized burger that in the end it will make a complete MEAL.

Directions: As we go through each part of the Supersize MEAL, make sure you take notes about each section!

**Introduction**

**Body Paragraph 1**

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Body Paragraph 2

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Body Paragraph 3

M E A L

Conclusion