

3 kinds of statements/ paragraphing

fact—statement that can be responded to with a “yes” or “no” answer.

opinion—“feelings,” “whims,” “personal,” not arguable: “I feel that.” “I believe that.”

argument—arguable. Can be disagreed with. Not based on opinion, not based on fact solely, doesn’t need to appeal to the emotions.

fact: there is a floor in this room.

opinion: The floors are ugly.

opinion: The floors are pretty.

fact: The squares don't match up in our
room.

opinion: I don't think it means jack squat
whether the squares match up.

considerations:

neurodiverse / neurodiversity

maybe it matters that the squares don't
match up in our room

argumentative thesis: Squares not
matching up for the floor pattern might
cause distractions for someone who is
neurodiverse. Therefore, we should
correct them, coordinate them.

possible counterarguments to address:

this doesn't seem based on important
facts.

this seems like someone's silly opinion
neurodiversity is very diverse! not all
people "on the spectrum" are
bothered by things like this.

paragraphs need

topic sentence or premise: a reason why

your main idea is true that is more

focused and does not simply repeat it.

lead-in to evidence: is there something

that you need to use as a bridge?

evidence: specific, gritty, fecund, gripping

analysis: connects the evidence to the

premise, which connects both to the main

idea

thesis=arguable?

Van Heusen tie advertisement encourages men to see women as inferior.

counterargument

you takin' this too serious.

it's a joke

the time period that produced it is too distant.

The man's centrality to the ad shows his position of dominance, and the woman can only be subordinate. ~~man occupies the center of the presentation, which~~ He is the most important thing in it. It's significant that he's in a position of relaxation because it shows his dominance.

His smile is oblivious and he is not even looking at the woman who is serving him.

not looking at the woman
he's wearing the magic tie that does it!
he's dressed, she ain't.