Strategy: *A helpful paragraph writing strategy is the 6/9 sentence paragraph. Below is the basic set-up. This writing set up is a great way to make sure you have a strong opening and closing sentence as well as integrate at least one quote.*

6 Sentence Paragraph:

1. Opening Sentence-this sentence is your topic sentence and announces the big idea.
2. Background-this sentence builds up some discussion and back ground to the big idea and/or build in some context for your quote (s).
3. Claim-this is your main argument and what you want your audience to learn.
4. Quote-This is your evidence in direct quotes with proper citation and integration.
5. Explain-This explains your evidence and restates it in a way to connect the claim and quote together.
6. Closing Sentence-this sentence restates the big idea and brings the paragraph to a close

“6 Things You Should Know” About Tanning

1. **Tanning Salons Use Propaganda So Beware!**

Some people fall into the propaganda traps when they see tanning ads or salon advertisements. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Some customers believe that tanning has wonderful health benefits and is perfectly safe because the blubs aren’t as harmful as the sun. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ These customers are victims of clever advertising and propaganda tools by the tanning companies. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ The fact is, “the indoor-tanning industry…markets its products much the same way that cigarette makers do” and they “both promote a product with known health risks” (“Mixed Messages”). \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ If tanning seems too good to be true, that is because it is; tanning companies know how to sell their products and get you to go into the salons. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Before you get mesmerized by the tanning ads and slogans, realize, the companies are looking out for your money, not for your health—so don’t fall prey to their propaganda! \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Notes/Observations:**

9 Sentence Paragraph:

1. Opening
2. Background
3. Claim#1
4. Quote#1
5. Explain#1
6. Claim #2
7. Quote #2
8. Explain #2
9. Closing

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1. **Dying and Aging Young: Tanning Health Risks**

While some people think tanning is a great way to look bronzed and beautiful, it is a dangerous habit that you will regret later on. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Tanning comes with many risks, but teens often don’t think about those risks because they are so young and carefree. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. The fact is teens tan a lot—too much in fact—and often start off this unhealthy behavior at a dangerously young age. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Some scary statistics reveal that, “2.5 million teens use tanning booths…many start as early as age 13” (“Dangers of Tanning”); these young teens don’t realize that they can get “melanoma, the deadliest form of skin cancer, [which] kills one person every 50 minutes.  It is the second most common cancer for young adults aged 15-29 years old” (“Dangers of Tanning”). \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_The facts don’t lie; **anyone,** but especially teens who hit the tanning booths hard, can not only get cancer, but can get cancer at a really young age. And while cancer is the scariest consequence, don’t forget that tanning can also cause your skin to age and deteriorate at a faster rate than normal. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. While that bronzy glow may look good now, you are still at risk because “premature aging is a long-term side effect of UV exposure, meaning it may not show on your skin until many years after you have had a sunburn or suntan” (“The Risks”). Years later you can expect to see things like dark spots and wrinkles, and even leathery-like skin (“The Risks”).\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Now ask yourself: is a tan worth your beauty later on, or even your life? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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