**5 Ways You Can Grow Your Brain**

**(Tips For Writing Your Next SS Report)**



**1. FORMALITY.** This is a FORMAL report! ***YOU*** and ***I*** are not invited to the party!!! Invited only: ***THEY*** *and* ***WE*** *and* ***US!***



**2. THESIS STATEMENTS**

Theses can only live in sentences that make sense.These statements will die a slow painful death if they are not in a sentence. This death will be even more painful if any of your subtopics are left out or if the thesis doesn’t get to go *last* in the first paragraph and *first* in the last paragraph.



**3. TRANSITIONS**

I will get lost in your report if you don’t have **TRANSITIONS** between paragraphs and if they’re not at the **BEGINNING** of your paragraphs. I don’t like getting lost - it makes me anxious. When I find transitions in the wrong place or if they are missing, I feel like I need to call out the search and rescue.



**4. ANSWERS, NOT QUESTIONS.** Please do not put questions in your report. If *you* still have questions, that’s a problem. Your reader wants firm statements – s/he wants to know that you have all the answers!



And last but not least…

**5. CLINCHERS**. You will end your report with a **BANG** if you can connect your topic to life **TODAY** - or perhaps to the **FUTURE**. Your report will end with a whimper if you end with a question or if you just repeat what you’ve already said. And I will whimper too……