**Writing a Paragraph Response Using PIE**

PIE will help you stay on point and give enough details about your topic.

POINT: The term “Fundamentals” was used many times in the text.

INFORMATION: I looked back at the text to find the first time the word was used.

EXPLANATION/EXAMPLE: The first time it’s used, Friedman doesn’t specifically say what kind of fundamentals, but he connects them to success. He said, “Hattie was a woman who believed that the secret for success in life was getting the fundamentals

right.”

INFORMATION: The second time Friedman writes “fundamentals,” he is writing about the fundamentals of journalism.

EXPLANATION/EXAMPLE: This makes sense to me because he learned about journalism from Hattie. He became a writer for the New York Times, so I think that the fundamentals of journalism and the fundamentals of success are connected.

INFORMATION: Near the end of the essay, he repeats “fundamentals” several times

closely together.

EXPLANATION/EXAMPLE: I was confused about what kind of fundamentals he meant here. He was talking about the internet and businesses, and later he talked about school subjects and places of worship. After talking about this text in class, I think that these kinds of fundamentals are more like the fundamentals of living a life

with integrity.

CONCLUSION: At first, I thought he meant success in a job, like in journalism. However, I realized later that even more important than professional success is the success that comes with having a strong moral character.