Persuasive Paragraph 1: Influence of Geography on Ancient Greece

This is the beginning of your year-long odyssey of writing. We start with some basic concepts such as paragraph structure and the elements of good argument and then move on to whole essays culminating with the DRAG. This exercise is an individual support paragraph on Greek geography and should follow the outline discussed in class and summarized below. Your final draft should be typed, double-spaced, and edited for grammar and spelling. You will use the topic sentence given below.

Writing is like learning an instrument; it takes a conscious effort and a lot of practice!

PROMPT

What was the most influential factor in the development of ancient Greek civilization?

THESIS

Of the factors contributing to the economic, political, and social development of ancient Greece, geography was most important.

Paragraph Structure

I. Topic Sentence: The physical environment of ancient Greece significantly influenced its economic development.

A. First support:
   1. Clarification, commentary, explanation of support
   2. Commentary, analysis, show the reader how the concrete details supports or proves the thesis

B. Second support
   1. Clarification, commentary, explanation of support
   2. Commentary, analysis, show the reader how the concrete details supports or proves the thesis

C. Third support
   1. Clarification, commentary, explanation of support
   2. Commentary, analysis, show the reader how the concrete details supports or proves the thesis

D. Concluding sentence: summarizes ideas in the paragraph and ties back to thesis

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