Background paragraph format
Begin with a topic sentence which tells in a main idea statement what the paragraph is about. It can be something like ......Historical facts and various data gathered over the years proves that something must be done immediately about YOUR TOPIC. Then follow your outline and write sentences for each piece of information. Cite after each sentence (in parenthesis the author’s last name from the bibliography card or the “article title” from the bibliography card). Comment on the information every now and then so this long paragraph is just not a list of facts. End the paragraph with a sentence that ties it into the cases studies since they are the next paragraphs of the research essay.
Yes, this paragraph will be long. Yes, it will have a citation after every single fact used from an article.