

I. Topic Sentence for Body Paragraph

A. Secondary Evidence Sentence (SES)

B. Signal /Quote or paraphrase to defend point of view / In-text citation

C. Analysis or assumption regarding evidence presented

D. Conclusion of discussion/transition to new topic

Much has been discussed by the United States government about contemporary colonies being founded on the Moon or even on Mars. Some private-sector companies such as Space-X are currently enrolling potential candidates for a trip to the fourth planet in the solar system. Cathaleen Chen, a journalist for the *Christian Science Monitor* recently commented how even “NASA projects that humans will arrive on Mars sometime in the 2030s. The journey would involve more than a dozen major components, beginning in low-Earth orbit in the International Space Station” (“How Soon—”). However, despite the positive fifteen-year prediction, she also notes that one risk factor involves health issues of the human body in space. Due to certain growth deformities occurring when an individual is in space for an extended time, scientists need to overcome hurdles for insuring healthy astronaut-colonists for the plan to fully succeed.

Work Cited

Chen, Cathaleen. “How Soon Will We Get to Mars?.” *Christian Science Monitor*. 21 Sep. 2015: n.p. *SIRS Issues Researcher*. Web. 19 Jul. 2016.