Still in step?
More talk about signposting academic discussion
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Using evidence to support your claims…

- **Make sure** your evidence is relevant to the topic.
- **How does it connect** to the line of argument you are developing?
- **Critically analyse** the evidence. Ask yourself:
  - What is the source of the opinion?
  - Who is writing it?
  - Why is it significant?

What should be referenced in this paragraph?

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In a direct response to Alperovitz, Bernstein emphasizes the atomic bomb itself as being its own imperative in the decimation of Japan. Bernstein challenges the theory that the atomic bombs were dropped on Japan as an anti-Soviet strategy, seeing this as a relevant but not essential element in explaining the event. President Roosevelt allowed the secret production of the atomic bomb with the intention of using it to end war quickly when the time came. Operating under this premise, Bernstein asserts that Germany was the initial target for the attack but surrendered before the bomb was able to be tested, shifting the attention directly onto Japan; this would explain America’s lack of interest in finding alternatives to the use of the atomic bomb. Miles also comments on this theory, asserting that for America it was not a case of whether to use the bomb, it was a case of when. Even though this argument has merit, Bernstein does not place enough emphasis on the strong anti-Soviet sentiment that was rife within the American government at this time. While this facet of the argument should not be considered the primary reason for the bombing of Japan, its relevance, in combination with America’s relationship to Russia, is of great significance to this debate.
A few words about sentencing…

A grammatically correct sentence must contain …

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Sentencing: the fragment…

- Sentence fragments are strings of words that have been punctuated as a sentence but are not valid sentences;
- that is, they do not contain all the elements necessary to create a sentence.

Sentence fragments are usually incomplete ideas.

How much is enough?

For example, low levels of education, higher rate of domestic violence, and young maternal age.

Describe and identify community resources to assist in the prevention of injury in the home.

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On the other hand, don’t overpack…

I want to discuss this patient as it is complex, he was born a “blue baby” and was assessed in Sydney, his parents were told he had a poor prognosis at birth and surgery was not possible and he has been on medical therapy ever since.

This is a sentence that contains more than one complete idea.
Formality vs informality

If you are bidding, sign up with agent before the auction starts.

or

Prospective bidders must register with the agents before the commencement of the auction.

Abstract and technical language

We treat sick patients.

or

A hospital provides specific and appropriate treatment for patients who have illness or injury.

Personal vs impersonal language

If we examine the statistics, we can reveal that poverty and ill health are connected.

or

An examination of the statistics reveals that poverty and ill health are connected.

Expression of attitudes and opinions

The new treatment is excellent.

or

The benefits of the treatment are …
Emotive language

The conditions of the poor in India are disgusting.

or

Poverty in India is indicated by the following factors …

Supporting evidence

I think that girls do better at high school than boys.

or

Girls are consistently out performing boys at secondary school level; for example, from 1990-1999, the mean female TER ranking was 15% higher than the mean male ranking (O'Day 1999, p. 67).

What do you think you will need to do for next week?