Business/Journalistic Paragraphs (Block Style) versus Narrative/Fiction Style

- To get conventional narrative paragraphing in Word, go to "Page layout" tab.
- On menus, go to Spacing, and set everything to 0:
- Spacing:

Before 0 pts After 0 pts

This is the convention. If you have a reason to use block paragraphs, by all means, do it.

We need all the formatting expressiveness we can get in writing fiction: thus, extra space (by convention) indicates a passage of time.