



The Essay: A Quick Glance



The introduction to the topic. It concludes with your thesis – a specific statement that you plan to prove or argue in your essay.



The first body paragraph. It makes your argument and uses evidence to support your point of view. Begin with a topic sentence. A topic sentence is a sentence that clearly states the main idea of the paragraph.



The second body paragraph. It makes your second main point in support of your core argument and uses evidence to support your point of view. Begin with a topic sentence.



The third body paragraph. It continues your argument and uses further evidence to support your point of view. Begin with a topic sentence.



The concluding paragraph. The opposite of the introductory paragraph, it begins more specifically and works toward a broader ending, summing up what you have proven in your arguments. Begin with a precise statement that is related to your thesis.