



Planning the Essay

Introductory Paragraph

- Introduces your topic and provides necessary background information.
- Captures the reader’s interest and attention.
- States your thesis clearly.

Thesis:

Body

- Each topic Sentence develops the thesis.
- A., B., etc., support the topic sentence.
- 1., 2., etc., are specific details which support A., B., etc.

I. (Topic Sentence): _____

A. _____

1. _____

2. _____

B. _____

1. _____

2. _____

C. _____

1. _____

2. _____

II. (Topic Sentence): _____

A. _____

1. _____

2. _____

B. _____

1. _____

2. _____

C. _____

1. _____

2. _____

III. (Topic Sentence): _____

B. _____

1. _____

2. _____

B. _____

1. _____

2. _____

C. _____

1. _____

2. _____

Concluding Paragraph

- Restates the thesis in different words (does not make a brand-new point)
- “Wraps up” the paper (states a lesson, gives advice or a final insight, often a solution, tells the results, etc.)