

Essay Outline - The Basic 5 Paragraph

I. Introduction

- A. Hooks the reader's attention.
- B. Tells the reader what to expect in the essay.
- C. Contains a reference to the main topics to be discussed.
- D. State thesis

II. Body Paragraph

- 1 A. Begins with a topic sentence that refers to the 1st point of the thesis.
- B. Discusses 1st of three or more major points about the topic.
- C. Contains evidence or examples to support point.
- D. Is linked to the following paragraph.

III. Body Paragraph 2

- A. Begins with a topic sentence that refers to the 2nd point of the thesis.
- B. Discusses 2nd of three or more major points about the topic.
- C. Contains evidence or examples to support point.
- D. Is linked to the following paragraph.

IV. Body Paragraph 3

- A. Begins with a topic sentence that refers to the 3rd point of the thesis.
- B. Discusses 3rd of three or more major points about the topic.
- C. Contains evidence or examples to support point.
- D. Is linked to the following paragraph.

V. Conclusion

- A. Reiterate (restate) thesis.
- B. Reiterate the three main points.
- C. End with an impacting statement (clincher) that demonstrates the topic has been thoroughly discussed and concluded.