

Essay Format

1. Introduction (1-2 paragraphs)
 - a. Arouse the reader's attention
 - b. Introduce the subject
 - c. State the thesis statement

2. Body (3-5 paragraphs)
 - a. Topic sentence for an argument supporting the statement
 - i. Develop the argument
 - b. Topic sentence for an argument supporting the statement
 - i. Develop the argument
 - c. Topic sentence which states an argument often used by those with an opposing view
 - i. Develop a counter argument
 - d. Topic sentence for an argument supporting the statement
 - i. Develop the argument

3. Conclusion (1-2 paragraphs)
 - a. Satisfying, emphatic completion of the argument

Types of conclusions:

- (A) Close by return - refer to your original thesis statement
- (B) Summary - briefly refer to all your pieces of evidence from your body
- (C) Climax - save the best, strongest evidence for the ending
- (D) Thesis re-statement - reword your thesis to make it stronger or more emphatic
- (E) Persuasive - make a call to action