

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): _____

A. _____

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, offers a solution, tells the results, etc.)