

Five Paragraph Essay

GRAPHIC ORGANIZER

Essay Outline

Introduction

Hook

Background information

Thesis statement

Body Paragraphs

Topic Sentence

Examples, Quotes, Evidence

Explanations

Transitions

Conclusion

Restatement of thesis

Thesis evaluation

Final statement (figurative language, analogy)

My Essay & Outline Information

ESSAY TITLE: _____

OUTLINE DUE: _____

1ST DRAFT DUE: _____

FINAL DRAFT DUE: _____

ESSAY NOTES: _____

Write the Essay

THE INTRODUCTION

DIRECTIONS: Begin writing your introduction by completing this outline.

ESSAY PROMPT - Write the essay prompt and highlight or underline key words and phrases.

THE INTRO	YOUR WORK
HOOK Grab your audience's attention with an intriguing or shocking statement, anecdote, analogy, or quote. Avoid beginning an essay with a question.	<div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div>
BACKGROUND INFO Provide your audience with several sentences of background information about your topic. Make this topic relevant for your audience. Never assume your audience is knowledgeable about the topic.	<div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div>
THESIS Your thesis is the guiding statement of your essay. This should be a single sentence at the end of your introduction.	<div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div>

Write the Essay

THE BODY PARAGRAPHS

DIRECTIONS: Begin writing your body paragraphs by completing this outline.

BODY PARAGRAPH # _____. Write the paragraph's main idea. All sentences should support this.

BODY PARAGRAPH	YOUR WORK
TOPIC SENTENCE Begin with a direct sentence that states the topic of the paragraph.	<div></div> <div></div> <div></div>
STATEMENT Write a statement about your first example. This is the lead-in to your example that will connect the topic sentence to your first example.	<div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div>
EXAMPLE Provide a supporting example. It can be a quote or paraphrased information.	<div></div> <div></div> <div></div>
EXPLANATION Explain how your example supports your topic sentence and thesis.	<div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div>
TRANSITION/STATEMENT Transition to your next body paragraph or to the conclusion with this sentence.	<div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div>

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TRANSITION/STATEMENT Transition to your next example with a statement that includes a transition.	<div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div>

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EXPLANATION Explain how your second example supports your topic sentence and thesis.	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
TRANSITION/CONCLUSION Conclude the body paragraph by transitioning to the next body paragraph.	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>

Checklist

FOR BODY PARAGRAPHS

A GOOD BODY PARAGRAPH WILL

- ☐ have a clear topic sentence that is related to the essay's main idea
- ☐ include specific details and examples that support the thesis
- ☐ explain each example in a logical manner
- ☐ be logically organized
- ☐ include strong verbs and precise words
- ☐ include properly cited quotes and examples

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- ☐ be written in third person
- ☐ be free from vague words

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EXAMPLE Provide a third supporting example. It can be a quote or paraphrased information.	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
EXPLANATION Explain how your third example supports your topic sentence and thesis.	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
TRANSITION/CONCLUSION Conclude the body paragraph by transitioning to the next body paragraph.	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>

BODY PARAGRAPH Checklist

- ☐ clear topic sentence
- ☐ specific details and examples (with explanation) that support the thesis
- ☐ logical organization and proper citations
- ☐ strong verbs and precise words

Write the Essay

THE CONCLUSION

DIRECTIONS: Begin writing your conclusion by completing this outline.

ESSAY THESIS- Write your essay's thesis here.

KEY POINTS - Summarize the key points here.

THE CONCLUSION	YOUR WORK
RESTATE THE TOPIC Bring the topic of your paper back to your audience's attention. Emphasize the importance of this topic.	<div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div>
RESTATE THESIS Using different words, restate your thesis and your key points. This should be a brief summary of what you've already written.	<div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div>
FINAL THOUGHT Provide your audience with a final thought that brings the reader full circle. This can be a call to action, a reference back to something in the introduction, an insight into something larger, or a theme.	<div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div>