

## Paragraph I (Introduction)

**What is the general topic of this essay?** (Remember, you want to start your intro broad and get more narrow/focused as you go on. THIS IS NOT WHERE YOUR THESIS GOES NOR SHOULD THIS SENTENCE LOOK ANYTHING LIKE YOUR THESIS.)

**What general information does the reader need about this topic?** (What is the topic being discussed? What information is needed to give the reader enough background to understand the topic? This is where you cover the 5Ws.)

**THESIS: What will this essay explain and/or argue?** (What is your specific thesis? Your thesis should contain the topics of your body paragraphs.)

## Paragraph II (First Body Paragraph)

**What is the topic of this paragraph?** (What specific point will this paragraph illustrate with three examples?)

Sum up the topic/purpose of the paragraph in 1 sentence:

**What are the three examples that illustrate the specific topic?** (Explain what each example shows = this is your analysis.)

[Summarize each example and then explain/analyze.]

1.)

2.)

3.)

**What statement wraps up this topic?** (What conclusion can be drawn from the examples from the examples in this paragraph?) AND **What phrase serves as a transition into the next paragraph?** (How does the topic of this paragraph connect to the topic of the following paragraph?)

### Paragraph III (Second Body Paragraph)

**What is the topic of this paragraph?** (What specific point will this paragraph illustrate with three examples?)

Sum up the topic/purpose of the paragraph in 1 sentence:

**What are the three examples that illustrate the specific topic?** (Explain what each example shows = this is your analysis.)

[Summarize each example and then explain/analyze.]

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**What statement wraps up this topic?** (What conclusion can be drawn from the examples from the examples in this paragraph?) **AND What phrase serves as a transition into the next paragraph?** (How does the topic of this paragraph connect to the topic of the following paragraph?)

## Paragraph IV (Third Body Paragraph)

**What is the topic of this paragraph?** (What specific point will this paragraph illustrate with three examples?)

Sum up the topic/purpose of the paragraph in 1 sentence:

**What are the three examples that illustrate the specific topic?** (Explain what each example shows = this is your analysis.)

[Summarize each example and then explain/analyze.]

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**What statement wraps up this topic?** (What conclusion can be drawn from the examples from the examples in this paragraph?)

## Paragraph V (Conclusion)

**What phrase serves as a transition from the body of the paper?**

**What more can now be said about the ideas expressed in the thesis statement?** (Restate, in new terms, the thesis statement. Then add further reflections.)

**What thought-provoking statement concludes the essay?**

So what? Why is the topic of this essay important? (How can you broaden the scope of your discussion?)

How does the topic of the essay relate to later events/issues?