

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?)

Who/what is the essay about? (this is where you give your background on the topic)

When are you writing about?

Where is the focus of the action?

Why is the topic important?

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

Paragraph II (First Body Paragraph)

What is the topic & argument of the paragraph in 1 sentence? (What specific ARGUMENT will this paragraph illustrate with its examples?)

What are the examples that support your topic sentence/argument? (FIRST give the evidence and THEN explain what each example shows = this is your analysis. Remember, you are DRAWING CONNECTIONS between historical trends at the time and the film industry.)

HISTORICAL CONTEXT/BACKGROUND:

1.)

2.)

3.)

What statement wraps up this topic? (What conclusion can be made from the examples in this paragraph?)
AND What phrase transitions the reader into the next paragraph? (How does the topic of this paragraph connect to the topic of the next paragraph?)

Paragraph III (Second Body Paragraph)

What is the topic & argument of the paragraph in 1 sentence? (What specific ARGUMENT will this paragraph illustrate with its examples?)

What are the examples that support your topic sentence/argument? (FIRST give the evidence and THEN explain what each example shows = this is your analysis. Remember, you are DRAWING CONNECTIONS between historical trends at the time and the film industry.)

HISTORICAL CONTEXT/BACKGROUND:

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

Paragraph IV (Conclusion)

What was the general topic of the paper? (Like the first sentence in your intro, this first sentence should be general - larger themes, bigger ideas related to the topic, etc. - and helps to transition the reader from the evidence back into the broader idea behind the essay)

Restate, IN NEW TERMS, the thesis statement. Then add further reflections.

How can you close out the essay?

Why is the topic of this essay important? (This is where you broaden the focus again.)

How does the topic of the essay connect to later events or topics?