

Your Name

Instructor Name

Course Number

Date

Title of Essay

Introduction – The first sentence of your essay should draw the reader in and make them want to read the rest of your essay. Therefore, good ways to begin the essay are with a question, a quote, a story, or a common misconception. Always check the paper’s prompt for specific instructions from your instructor. The introduction is commonly about 5 sentences, with the first sentence discussing your topic in a broad way, and the succeeding sentences getting more and more specific about your topic. The final sentence of your paragraph will be the thesis statement, which will consist of one sentence that encapsulates the main point that you are arguing about the topic of your paper.

Body paragraph #1 – Each of the body paragraphs will begin with a topic sentence which directly connects to the idea in your thesis statement. Every sentence following your topic sentence will provide evidence that supports your point, and then will explain that evidence in greater detail. If you use any idea or quote from a source, be sure to cite it within your essay like this (Last Name Page #). For more information about MLA citations, visit Valencia’s library website or Purdue OWL (online writing lab).

Body paragraph #2 – Each of the body paragraphs will begin with a topic sentence which directly connects to the idea in your thesis statement. Every sentence following your topic sentence will provide evidence that supports your point, and then will explain that evidence in greater detail. If you use any idea or quote from a source, be sure to cite it within your essay like

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Body paragraph #3 – Each of the body paragraphs will begin with a topic sentence which directly connects to the idea in your thesis statement. Every sentence following your topic sentence will provide evidence that supports your point, and then will explain that evidence in greater detail. If you use any idea or quote from a source, be sure to cite it within your essay like this (Last Name Page #). For more information about MLA citations, visit Valencia's library website or Purdue OWL (online writing lab).

Conclusion – The first sentence of the conclusion should restate the thesis, thereby bringing the reader back to the main point of your essay. The conclusion will be about five sentences, beginning with the specific details of your topic, and then moving to discuss your topic in a broad way. The final sentence of your essay should leave your reader thinking about the real world application of the topic you have discussed, or about a bigger-picture significance of your topic.

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