

Essay Outline Framework

Use this outline as an organizational guide when writing essays:

Paragraph # 1 - Introductory Paragraph

- Background statements about topic
- Thesis statement which is arguable and provable
- A statement that shows how you will prove your thesis

Paragraph # 2 - Body Paragraph - Subthesis 1: initial point supporting your thesis

- introductory sentence, using transition word (see below)
- body sentences including statement and explanation
- examples, illustrations and/or quotations
- concluding sentence

Paragraph # 3 - Body Paragraph - Subthesis 2: second point supporting your thesis

- introductory sentence, using transition word (see below)
- body sentences including statement and explanation
- examples, illustrations and/or quotations
- concluding sentence

Paragraph # 4 - Body Paragraph - Subthesis 3: third and final point supporting your thesis

- introductory sentence, using transition word (see below)
- body sentences including statement and explanation
- examples, illustrations and/or quotations
- concluding sentence

Paragraph # 5 - Conclusion

- Restate your thesis using different words
- Review main arguments and proofs
- Do not introduce new ideas
- Use an effective last sentence

*** Use **transition** (connecting) words to link paragraphs and ideas together (eg. however, in addition to, on the other hand, also, secondly, etc.) ***

