



Title of Essay

The topic sentence is the first sentence of an essay or paper and is designed to catch the reader's attention. The next two or three sentences of the introduction will set up the thesis statement, which presents the main idea of the essay. The thesis statement spotlights the three points you'll address in the rest of the paper. It functions as a roadmap for the reader and always occurs at the end of the introduction.

The first body paragraph begins with a topic sentence and should reflect the first point mentioned in the thesis statement. The remaining four-to-five sentences will offer supporting information that is necessary to the essay. If required, body paragraphs will also include quoted and cited information from other works. The final sentence of a body paragraph does two things: 1) it wraps up one main point, and 2) provides a smooth transition to the next paragraph.

The second body paragraph is similar in structure to the first, but this time, the topic sentence reflects the second point given in the thesis statement. If the essay involves research, then the most important facts are quoted and cited here. Essentially, every essay or research paper makes a claim for or against something, and research is the evidence required to support every claim.

The third _____ begins with a _____
_____ that reflects the final point made in the thesis statement. Unless
otherwise instructed, every _____ and _____ essay
should be written in the _____. Essays written in the first
person are typically response essays, where the writer offers his or her personal opinions on a
subject. At the end of the last body paragraph, provide a smooth _____ to the
conclusion.

For some writers, _____ can be the hardest paragraphs to
write. The challenge here is to reiterate the same ideas from the thesis without being
_____. Do _____ include _____ information in the
conclusion paragraph. Instead, leave the reader with a final _____ that
reflects the theme of the paper using new language. Conclusions often require extra brain power
and several revisions, but that's how writers get better over time.