

Five Paragraph Essay Organizer

INTRODUCTION

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- “Hook” statement
- Background information
- Thesis statement
- State your 3 main points (MEAT organizers)

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- Main point 1
- Example
- Analysis of main point/example
- Transition

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- Main point 2
- Example
- Analysis of main point/example
- Transition

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- Main point 3
- Example
- Analysis of main point/example
- Transition

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- Restate your thesis
- Summarize each main point (MEAT organizers)
- Opinion – your thoughts/feelings
- Closing

CONCLUSION

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Five Paragraph Essay Organizer Example

Thanksgiving Conspiracy Assignment (10th Grade English)

In the Introductory Paragraph

- “Hook” statement
- Background Information: describe in general how your family observes the holiday
- Your thesis statement is about how YOU contributed to the festive mood of your family’s holiday observance
- The three organizers need to reflect:
 - What you did on the days leading up to Thanksgiving
 - What you did on the day of Thanksgiving
 - What you did on the days after Thanksgiving



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Each of the three support paragraphs must have MEAT!

- A main point or topic sentence
- Specific examples of what you did to contribute
- An analysis of your examples that examines how your actions contributed to your family’s observance of the Thanksgiving holiday
- A transition sentence that leads the reader to the next point

In the conclusion paragraph:

- Restate your thesis
 - Summarize your three organizers. Don’t list them! Include a fully developed sentence for each organizer that captures the main point of each
 - A PERSONAL OPINION about how you feel about helping your family this Thanksgiving
 - Finish with a closing sentence to bring your essay together
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