

The Five Paragraph Essay Format

INTRODUCTION	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Paragraph #1▪ Introduce your reader to your topic<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Antecedent – short story that grabs readers attention▪ Bold statement▪ Rhetorical question▪ Thesis statement – A direct statement that explains the topic of your essay, what your stance is, and the reasons that support your stance
BODY	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Paragraphs #2 thru #4▪ Each body paragraph contains:<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Reason or example that supports the thesis statement▪ Evidence that supports reason or example▪ Concluding sentence that “closes” the paragraph▪ Transitions that help the essay flow from paragraph to the next▪ Rebuttal Argument – Paragraph 4<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Address opposing viewpoint and prove it wrong
CONCLUSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Paragraph #5▪ Connect your conclusion to your introduction<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Refer to the antecedent, statement, or hook from intro▪ Recap key points from paragraphs 2-4▪ DO NOT introduce any new information▪ Restate the thesis statement in different words