**What is an Essay?**

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| An essay is…   * An essay is an organized argument, divided neatly into paragraphs * Essays must be clear, organized and easily understandable to those reading | The purpose is…   * An essay is used to state and support an opinion with proof and explanation * Essays can be used to persuade others to agree with your opinion |

**Hook**:

* Begin with a Hook to capture your reader’s attention
* It is a general sentence about your topic.

**Introduce Topic:**

* Introduce the topic, the author and the title of the text

**Three Reasons:**

* The next sentence should list your three supporting arguments for the essay. (These are your body paragraphs)

**Thesis**:

* The main point you are trying to prove

**Five Paragraph Structure:**

**Argument Order** – BAC - A is your weakest argument, and C is your strongest.

**Topic Sentence:**

* A strong topic sentence clearly outlining the main argument.
* Give a blueprint of your main 3 arguments.

**Point, Proof, Comment x3**

* Reasons, Evidence and Explanation to prove your argument
* Use transition words to organize your points

**Concluding Statement:**

* Restate your main argument, & summarize conclusions you’ve drawn

**Thesis**:

* Restate your thesis or the point you attempted to prove in your essay

**Summary**:

* Then restate your three supporting arguments: B, A, C

**Conclusion**:

* Finish with a broad concluding sentence about your topic in general

**Writing Tips:**

* Use the writing process to ensure your ideas are well developed and articulated
* Avoid using vague language (be specific)
* Avoid informalities (I, you, we, us,) and contractions (couldn’t, don’t)
* Do NOT simply summarize your novel/play (assume that whoever is reading knows the novel/play well)
* In your body paragraph, be as specific as possible when explaining and supporting your evidence and quotations
* Use transition words to move smoothly from one idea to the next (in addition, lastly, for example, therefore)
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