

Planning The Essay

Introduction

Notes

1. Think: Question, interesting fact, an opinion, quote (and, quote, opinion, quote), exciting thought provoking statement...

2. Explain to tell your reader about your topic.

3. Tell your reader more about topic.

4. Think about and list 3 main ideas or categories of your essay.

5. Think through, what you want your reader to know about about your topic.

Body Paragraph Structure

1. A topic sentence (or the first sentence of the paragraph) that tells what the paragraph will be about.

2. Supporting details and relevant explicit ideas about the main idea followed by an example.

3. Give an example, supported by explicit transition words.

4. Supporting detail.

5. Transition sentence or concluding idea from one paragraph to the next.