

5 PARAGRAPH ESSAY OUTLINE

Introduction (3-5 sentences)

- Hook: Grab the reader's attention with a quote, scenario, question, vivid description, etc. Must be related to your topic. 1-2 sentences
- Thesis statement: Simply and clearly state your position on the issue. 1 sentence
- Three arguments. Choose three arguments you can use to convince your reader of your position. Briefly state these arguments here. 1-3 sentences

Paragraph 2 (5-8 sentences)

- Go back to paragraph one
- Find your first argument
- Write a paragraph about it
- Use specific examples to support your argument
- Write a transition sentence.

Paragraph 3 (5-8 sentences)

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- Find your first argument
- Write a paragraph about it
- Use specific examples to support your argument
- Write a transition sentence.

Paragraph 4 (5-8 sentences)

- Go back to paragraph one
- Find your first argument
- Write a paragraph about it
- Use specific examples to support your argument
- Write a transition sentence.

Conclusion (3-5 sentences)

- Summarize - restate your thesis statement and three arguments in different words
- Make a closing statement. Tie your closing statement back to your opening hook.