



Expository Essay Format

Introduction

- Hooks the reader and captures his or her attention
- Contains the topic sentence of the essay
- Briefly states 3 or more main ideas which will be explained in body of paper

Body

- Longest section of the essay
- Contains 3 or more fully developed paragraphs (one paragraph to support each main idea stated in the introduction)
- Each paragraph contains a topic sentence and at least 4 to 5 supporting detail sentences
- Transition words and phrases help move reader from one idea to the next (Ex: also, in addition, another reason, etc.)

Conclusion

- Brings closure to the essay
- Briefly restates 3 the main ideas (without repeating the exact words in the introduction)
- May end with strong statement or an appeal to the emotions