



Essay Parts & Functions

The **introduction** should convince the reader to continue reading.
Here are a few ideas to get the reader's interest:
Make the topic important to the reader.
Ask the reader a stimulating question; then answer it in your essay.
Use an interesting quotation related to the topic.
Give a short anecdote related to the topic.

The **introduction** does one or more of the following:
It **announces the topic**.
It **previews the main ideas**.
It **caught the attention of the reader**.

The **introduction** requires a **thesis statement**,
which is a sentence containing
a viewpoint or main idea about the topic.

The **body** is made up of as many paragraphs as there are main ideas
to support the thesis statement.

Each main idea is written in the paragraph's **topic sentence**.

Develop each idea with **specific details and examples**.

Order your paragraphs to suit the essay, for example,
chronological, spatial, general to specific or vice-versa.

The **conclusion** does one or more of the following:
It **summarizes the main idea(s) in different wording**.
It **emphasizes one of the ideas**.
It **stimulates the reader to action**.
It **evaluates the main ideas**.
It **makes a conclusion or prediction**.