

1) Introduction Paragraph

- a) **Hook** – a few sentences to grab the reader’s attention, in the form of a **fact, question, anecdote, or quotation**. Be sure to *elaborate* on how the hook connects to the rest of your paper
- b) **Thesis Statement** – a sentence that summarizes the **main idea** and **supporting details** of your paper.

2) Body Paragraph One (Supporting Detail One)

- a) **Topic Sentence** – a sentence that explains what the paragraph will be all about
- b) **Example One** of Supporting Detail One – all examples should connect to *Supporting Detail* and prove your main point (also called thesis statement)
 - i) **Transition Phrase** – a phrase that connects one example to the next and helps writing flow
- c) **Example Two**
 - i) **Transition Phrase**
- d) **Example Three**
 - i) **Transition Phrase**
- e) **Closing Sentence** – a sentence that once again states the main idea of the paragraph and transitions to the next body paragraph.

3) Body Paragraph Two (Supporting Detail Two)

- a) **Topic Sentence** –
- b) **Example One**
 - i) **Transition Phrases:** should connect all your examples and help your writing *flow*
- c) **Example Two**
- d) **Example Three**
- e) **Closing Sentence** –

4) Body Paragraph Three (Supporting Detail Three)

- a) **Topic Sentence** –
- b) **Example One**
 - i) **Transition Phrases**
- c) **Example Two**
- d) **Example Three**
- e) **Closing Sentence**

5) Conclusion

- a) **Restatement of Thesis Statement** – include your main idea and supporting details
- b) **Leave the Reader with something interesting to think about**