

Five Paragraph Essay Outline

Introduction Give a short overview or summary of the main points your essay will address. Start with a hook to grab your reader’s attention. You can use an interesting fact, question, description, quote, etc. Then write your thesis statement. This includes the three main points you’ll be making.

BODY: Paragraph 1 Make your first and most important point (the first item listed in your thesis statement). Next, explain and support this point using evidence, quotes, paraphrase information you’ve read about, etc. Your final sentence should transition to the paragraph 2. (3-5 sentences)

Paragraph 2 Make your second point. The first sentence of this paragraph should make it clear what the paragraph is about. Explain and support this point using evidence, quotes, paraphrase details you’ve read about, etc. End with a sentence that transitions to paragraph 3.(3-5 sentences)

Paragraph 3 Make your third point from your thesis statement. The first sentence of this paragraph should make it clear what the paragraph is about. Explain and support this point using evidence, quotes, paraphrase details you’ve read about, etc. (3-5 sentences). **END BODY**

Conclusion Summarize the points you made in your intro. Discuss how paragraphs 2-4 support your thesis. This paragraph should answer the question, So what? You can include a quote, a question for the reader, a call to action or a thoughtful statement why your essay topic is important. (3-5 sentences)
