

COMPONENTS OF AN ESSAY THAT IS IN THE FORMAT OF 4 OR 5 PARAGRAPHS.

This is a very good format to use when learning and practicing foundational writing skills.

FIRST PARAGRAPH Introduction paragraph

MIDDLE PARAGRAPHS Body paragraphs

LAST PARAGRAPH Concluding paragraph

The intro paragraph introduces the topic of the essay. The thesis statement is contained in the intro paragraph. The thesis statement lets the reader know the topic of the whole essay.

The body paragraphs each contain a subtopic. Each body paragraph contains a topic sentence, and supporting details. The topic sentence tells the reader what the topic of that particular paragraph is about. The supporting details support and expand upon the topic sentence. Oftentimes there is a wrap up sentence at the end of each body paragraph, wrapping up that particular paragraph.

The concluding paragraph wraps up the whole essay. It brings everything together in sort of a short summary.

More comprehensive list of components:

Hook

Introduction

Body paragraphs

Conclusion paragraphs

Thesis statements

Topic sentences

Supporting details

Transitions

Using higher level vocabulary words

Varying your language (not repeating the same words unless necessary)

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