

STRUCTURING YOUR ESSAY

This outline may be followed for your essay. Obviously, however, you must read your assignment carefully and plan according to your teacher's wishes.

INTRODUCTION

- Thesis statement
- Overview of how you will proceed

BODY OF ESSAY

Paragraph 1

- Topic Sentence
- Explain
- Examples A.
 B.
 C.

Paragraph 2

- Topic Sentence
- Explain
- Examples A.
 B.
 C.

Paragraph 3

- Topic Sentence
- Explain
- Examples A.
 B.
 C.

CONCLUSION

- Restate the thesis
- Summarize your main points
- Final comment

Here's some more detailed information on how to structure your essay:

PARAGRAPH 1:
INTRODUCTION

1. General ideas about the topic (to interest the reader)
2. Thesis statement
3. List of main points (a map of the essay)

PARAGRAPH 2:
BACKGROUND (optional)

1. Definition of key terms
2. Information on context (biographical, historical, theoretical, etc.)

PARAGRAPHS 3, 4, 5
MAIN POINTS

1. Topic sentence
2. Explanation of situation
3. Textual evidence
4. Analysis of evidence
5. Link to thesis

PARAGRAPH 6
CONCLUSION

1. Summary of conclusions
2. List of main points
3. Thesis statement
4. Importance of arguments (why read this?)