

1. The first paragraph (Introduction)

1. A catchy sentence (Hook statement)
 - (Question, statistics, anecdote, experience, fact, or quotation)
2. Topic introduction (Background info about general theme)
3. Your thesis statement (a road map) with an overview of your supporting arguments
 - (Must NOT be a fact, personal preference, or something nobody cares about.)

2. Three body paragraphs (with the same structure) 5-8 sentences each

1. Topic sentence with one main supporting idea
 - (Remember to use your most persuasive argument in the last body paragraph.)
2. Sentences with details and examples - the extension of your topic sentence
3. Concluding sentence with a transition to the next paragraph

3. The last paragraph (Conclusion)

1. Your thesis statement paraphrased (not copied)
2. Concluding thoughts that can vary based on your essay type:
3. The answer to the "So what?" question
4. Call to action
5. Concluding quotations
6. Rhetorical question to ponder about
7. A simple summary of the essay's central points
 - (A combination of the above is also possible)
 - (Do NOT introduce any new information in your conclusion.)