

TEMPLATE FOR EXPOSITORY ESSAY

Directions: You should have 5 paragraphs, first is the introduction, second is the first body paragraph explaining what you think is the third most important point, third is the second body paragraph explaining what you think is the second most important point, fourth is the third body paragraph explaining what you think is the **MOST IMPORTANT POINT**, and fifth is the conclusion. **EVERY ONE OF THE NUMBERS BELOW SHOULD BE A SEPARATE SENTENCE!!!**

First Paragraph: Introduction (5 individual sentences)

1. Hook
 - a. Something to make the reader want to read the essay.
 - b. Should generally be about the essay topic.
2. Thesis Sentence
 - a. States your topic
 - b. **Briefly** states the three main ideas you are going to explain
 - c. **Points are in the same order as they appear in your essay body paragraphs**
3. Basis sentence
 - a. **Very Briefly** States an explanation or definition of your topic
4. Go *slightly* more in depth about topic
5. Transition Sentence
 - a. Should make an easy transition from introduction into your first facts
 - b. Easily moves the reader into what you are talking about in body paragraph one

Body Paragraph One: Explains the third most important point about the topic of the ESSAY (5 sentences)

1. Topic Sentence
 - a. Tells the reader what you are talking about in this paragraph
 - b. State your third (least) most important point about the topic of your **essay** and a very brief explanation of it
2. Explanation 1.1
 - a. State explanation part one of the topic of **the paragraph**
 - b. **ONLY USE INFO FROM THE TEXT IN SENTENCE, DO NOT ADD INFO**
3. Explanation 1.2
 - a. State explanation part two of the topic of **the paragraph**
 - b. **ONLY USE INFO FROM THE TEXT IN SENTENCE, DO NOT ADD INFO**
 - c. **USE EVIDENCE FROM THE TEXT HERE TO BACK UP YOUR EXPLANATION**
4. Explanation 1.3
 - a. State explanation part three of the topic of **the paragraph**
 - b. **ONLY USE INFO FROM THE TEXT IN SENTENCE, DO NOT ADD INFO**
 - c. **USE EVIDENCE FROM THE TEXT HERE TO BACK UP YOUR EXPLANATION**
5. Transition Sentence
 - a. Transitions reader into next paragraph
 - b. Moves reader from first explanation of essay topic to second explanation

Body Paragraph Two: Explains the second most important point about the topic of the ESSAY (5 sentences)

1. Topic Sentence
 - a. Tells the reader what you are talking about in paragraph
 - b. States your second most important point about the topic of the **ESSAY** and a very brief explanation of it

2. Explanation 2.1
 - a. State second most important explanation part one of the topic of the **paragraph**
 - b. ONLY USE INFO FROM THE TEXT IN SENTENCE, **DO NOT ADD INFO**
3. Explanation 2.2
 - a. State second most important explanation part two of the topic of the **paragraph**
 - b. ONLY USE INFO FROM THE TEXT IN SENTENCE, **DO NOT ADD INFO**
 - c. **USE EVIDENCE FROM THE TEXT HERE TO BACK UP YOUR EXPLANATION**
4. Explanation 2.3
 - a. State second most important explanation part three of the topic of the **paragraph**
 - b. ONLY USE INFO FROM THE TEXT IN SENTENCE, **DO NOT ADD INFO**
 - c. **USE EVIDENCE FROM THE TEXT HERE TO BACK UP YOUR EXPLANATION**
5. Transition Sentence
 - a. Transitions reader from second most important point to the **most** important point

Body Paragraph Explains the MOST important point about the topic of the ESSAY (5 sentences)

1. Topic Sentence
 - a. States your **most important** point about your topic and a very brief explanation of it
 - b. Tells the reader what you are talking about in paragraph
2. Explanation 2.1
 - a. State **most important** explanation part one of the topic of the **paragraph**
 - b. ONLY USE INFO FROM THE TEXT IN SENTENCE, **DO NOT ADD INFO**
3. Explanation 2.2
 - a. State **most important** explanation part two of the topic of the **paragraph**
 - b. ONLY USE INFO FROM THE TEXT IN SENTENCE, **DO NOT ADD INFO**
 - c. **USE EVIDENCE FROM THE TEXT HERE TO BACK UP YOUR EXPLANATION**
4. Explanation 2.3
 - a. State **most important** explanation part three of the topic of the **paragraph**
 - b. ONLY USE INFO FROM THE TEXT IN SENTENCE, **DO NOT ADD INFO**
 - c. **USE EVIDENCE FROM THE TEXT HERE TO BACK UP YOUR EXPLANATION**
5. Concluding/Transition Sentence
 - a. Restate main explanation and wrap it up using transition words

Conclusion Paragraph: Concludes Your Essay (5 sentences)

1. Restate hook
 - a. You showed the reader what you meant by your hook in essay
 - b. Verify the meaning of your hook
2. Restate Thesis
 - a. Take Second sentence of Introduction and restate it
 - b. Should say same thing with different words
3. Restate general idea of first two Body Paragraphs
 - a. A general restate of your third and second most important explanations
4. Restate most important explanation fact
 - a. In different words explain why it is most important
5. Restate the topic of the essay and how it could/did change
 - a. Restate topic
 - b. Tell reader how it has changed over time or how it could change over time
 - c. **WRAP IT UP!!!**