

Organizing Your Essay

To be successful in essay writing, you must be very organized. Start off by making an outline before writing and you'll start off on the right foot!

Introduction Paragraph (INDENT!)

(H) Hook	Imperative (command) or Interrogative (question)
(B) Bridge	On-topic detail that you won't use again in the essay.
(T) Thesis	A direct response to the prompt.

Body Paragraph (SKIP A LINE AND INDENT!)

(TS) Topic Sentence	A sentence that introduces the topic.	There are many...
(EV1) Evidence 1	A sentence from the text that supports the topic.	One...
(EL1) Elaboration 1	A sentence from your head that supports the evidence.	For example,...
(EV2) Evidence 2	A sentence from the text that supports the topic.	Another...
(EL2) Elaboration 2	A sentence from your head that supports the evidence.	This means that...
(CS) Conclusion Sentence	A sentence that wraps up the topic.	Those are some...

Conclusion Paragraph (SKIP A LINE AND INDENT!)

(SS) Summary Statement	A sentence that repeats everything you have taught in your essay.	In conclusion, (topic) + EV1 and EV2.
(RT) Restated Thesis	A repeat of your thesis phrased differently.	Ask a question. END WITH A ?