

5-Paragraph Structure for Midterm/Final Essays

Introduction

- Introduce the article title, the author(s), and the thesis (in your own words)
- State your thesis
- Preview your 3 reasons of support to be discussed in your body paragraphs

Body Paragraph #1

- Transition
- State first reason of support (topic sentence)
- Elaborate/explain
- Reinforce thesis

Body Paragraph #2

- Transition
- State second reason of support (topic sentence)
- Elaborate/explain
- Reinforce thesis

Body Paragraph #3

- Transition
- State first reason of support (topic sentence)
- Elaborate/explain
- Reinforce thesis

Conclusion

- Sum up the main points of your essay
- Reinforce thesis
- End with a thought-provoking comment



