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AN ESSAY

PARTS OF AN ESSAY:

- INTRODUCTION
- SUPPORTING PARAGRAPHS
- CONCLUSION

Introduction Paragraph

What is an introduction paragraph?

The introduction paragraph is the first paragraph of your essay.

What does it do?

It introduces the main idea of your essay. A good opening paragraph captures the interest of your reader and tells why your topic is important.

How do I write one?

1. Write the thesis statement. The main idea of the essay is stated in a single sentence called the thesis statement. You must limit your entire essay to the topic you have introduced in your thesis statement.

2. Provide some background information about your topic. You can use interesting facts, quotations, or definitions of important terms you will use later in the essay.

Example:

Hockey has been a part of life in Canada for over 120 years. It has evolved into an extremely popular sport watched and played by millions of Canadians. The game has gone through several changes since hockey was first played in Canada.

Supporting Paragraphs

What are supporting paragraphs?

Supporting paragraphs make up the main body of your essay.

What do they do?

They develop the main idea of your essay.

How do I write them?

1. List the points that develop the main idea of your essay.
2. Place each supporting point in its own paragraph.
3. Develop each supporting point with facts, details, and examples.

To connect your supporting paragraphs, you should use special transition words. Transition words link your paragraphs together and make your essay easier to read. Use them at the beginning and end of your paragraphs.

Examples of transition words that can help you to link your paragraphs together:

For listing different points
First
Second
Third

For counter examples
However
Even though
On the other hand
Nevertheless

For additional ideas
Another
In addition to
Related to
Furthermore
Also

To show cause and effect
Therefore
Thus
As a result of
Consequently

Like all good paragraphs, each supporting paragraph should have a topic sentence, supporting sentences, and a summary sentence.

Summary Paragraph/Conclusion

What is a summary paragraph?

The summary paragraph comes at the end of your essay after you have finished developing your ideas. The summary paragraph is often called a "conclusion."

What does it do?

It summarizes or restates the main idea of the essay. You want to leave the reader with a sense that your essay is complete.

How do I write one?

1. Restate the strongest points of your essay that support your main idea.
2. Conclude your essay by restating the main idea in different words.
3. Give your personal opinion or suggest a plan for action.

Example:

Overall, the changes that occurred in hockey have helped to improve the game. Hockey is faster and more exciting as a result of changes in the past 120 years. For these reasons, modern hockey is a better game than hockey in the 1890s.

Kinds of Essays

1. Definition
2. Classification
3. Description
4. Compare and Contrast
5. Sequence
6. Choice
7. Explanation
8. Evaluation

1. Definition Essay

When you are writing a definition essay, you take a term or an idea and write about what it is. Often, definitions are combined with classification or other forms of organization in the essay. You need to give a careful definition of the key term before going on to discuss different types or examples.

Example question: Write an essay defining energy resources and discuss the different types.

Introduction: Define the key term energy resources.

Supporting paragraphs: 1. Define one type of energy resources: renewable resources.

2. Define another type of energy resources: non-renewable resources.

Summary paragraph: Summarize energy resources.

2. Classification Essay

In a classification essay, you separate things or ideas into specific categories and discuss each of them. You organize the essay by defining each classification and by giving examples of each type.

Example question: Write an essay discussing the three types of government in Canada.

Introduction: Give background information about government in Canada.

Supporting paragraphs:

1. Define and describe federal government.
2. Define and describe provincial governments.
3. Define and describe municipal governments.

Summary paragraph: Summarize government in Canada.

3. Description Essay

In a description essay, you write about what a person, place, or thing is like. You organize the essay by describing different parts or aspects of the main subject.

Example question: Write an essay describing the polar bear.

Introduction: Introduce what a polar bear is.

Supporting paragraphs:

1. Describe where the polar bear lives.
2. Describe the body of the polar bear.
3. Describe what the polar eats.

Summary paragraph: Summarize what a polar bear is.

4. Compare and Contrast Essay

In a compare and contrast essay, you write about the similarities and differences between two or more people, places, or things. You can organize the essay by writing about one subject first and then comparing it with the second subject. A more effective way is to organize the essay by comparing each subject by category.

Example: Write an essay comparing the weather in Vancouver and Halifax.

Introduction: Introduce weather in the cities of Vancouver and Halifax.

Supporting paragraphs:

1. Compare weather in spring and summer for both cities. State how they are similar or different.
2. Compare weather in fall and winter for both cities. State how they are similar or different.

Summary paragraph: Summarize the similarities and differences.

5. Sequence Essay

In a sequence essay, you are writing to describe a series of events or a process in some sort of order. Usually, this order is based on time. You organize the essay by writing about each step of the process in the order it occurred.

Example question: Write an essay outlining the stages of the salmon life cycle.

Introduction: Describe what a salmon is like.

Supporting paragraphs: 1. Describe young salmon.

2. Describe adult salmon.

3. Describe what salmon do before they die.

Summary paragraph: Summarize the main steps of the salmon life cycle.

6. Choice Essay

In a choice essay, you need to choose which object, idea, or action that you prefer. You organize the essay by describing each option and then giving your opinion.

Example question: Write an essay choosing between hockey in the 1890s and hockey today.

Introduction: Introduce the game of hockey.

Supporting paragraphs: 1. Describe hockey in the 1890s.

2. Describe hockey today.

3. State which form of hockey you prefer and why.

Summary paragraph: Summarize the game of hockey.

7. Explanation Essay

In an explanation essay, you explain how or why something happens or has happened. You need to explain different causes and effects. You should organize the essay by explaining each individual cause or effect.

Example question: Write an essay explaining why so many Europeans moved

to Canada during the early nineteenth century.

Introduction: Give background information on European immigration during this time.

Supporting paragraphs:

1. Explain first reason: poor economy in Europe.
2. Explain second reason: better living conditions in Canada.

Summary paragraph: Summarize main reasons.

8. Evaluation Essay

In an evaluation essay, you make judgments about people, ideas, and possible actions. You make your evaluation based on certain criteria that you develop. Organize the essay by discussing the criteria you used to make your judgment.

Example question: Write an essay evaluating the importance of the House of Commons.

Introduction: Give your judgment on whether the House of Commons is important.

Supporting paragraphs:

1. Explain first criteria: meeting place for government
2. Explain second criteria: represent Canadians
3. Explain third criteria: make laws for Canada

Summary paragraph: Conclude with an overall judgment about the House of Commons

WITH THESE IDEAS YOU ARE ABLE TO GET GOOD WRITING SKILLS, SO WRITE AN ESSAY ON "PFLC" (your high school)

(THE KIND OF ESSAY AND TOPIC IS UP TO YOU).

