

# PARAGRAPH

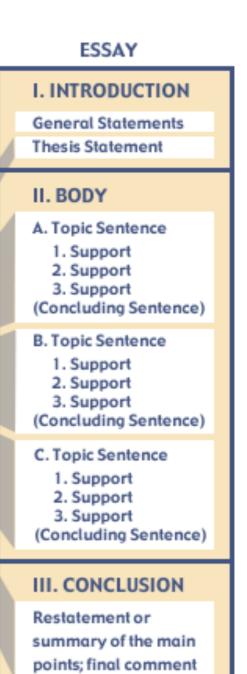
#### Topic Sentence

Essay -

- A. Support = B. Support =
- C. Support =

**Concluding Sentence** 

Note: The body is the longest part of the essay and can contain as many paragraphs as necessary to support the controlling ideas of your thesis statement.



### 1. Introduction

The introduction moves from general to specific. This is where you:

- open with a short orientation (introduce the topic area(s) with a general, broad opening sentence (or two);

- answer the question with a thesis statement; and

- provide a summary or 'road map' of your essay (keep it brief, but mention all the main ideas).



### 2. **Body**

The body of your essay consists of paragraphs. Each is a building block in the construction of your argument. The body is where you:

- answer the question by developing a discussion

- show your knowledge and grasp of material you have read

- offer exposition and evidence to develop your argument

- use relevant examples and authoritative quotes

If your question has more than one part, structure the body into sections that deal with each part of the question.



## 3. Conclusion

The conclusion moves from specific to general. It should:

- restate your thesis
- restate your answer to the question
- re-summarize the main points and:

- include a final, broad statement (about possible implications, future directions for research, to qualify the conclusion etc).

However, NEVER introduce new information or ideas in the conclusion - its purpose is to round off your essay by summing it up