

## Five Paragraph Essay Outline

The following outline provides a guide for how a five paragraph essay can be written. If you would like to make an appointment with a tutor for assistance, you can do so [HERE!](#)

### Introduction Paragraph:

Attention Grabber (Statement about the topic that grabs the reader's attention):

Topic Introduction (1-2 sentences that connect your attention grabber to the topic of your paper.):

**Thesis** (The essay topic / your argument or position + 3 supporting reasons):

### Body Paragraph 1: Reason 1

**Topic Sentence** (Restate the essay topic / your argument + supporting reason 1):

**Evidence 1** (provide a piece of cited evidence that supports reason 1):

**Explain** (How does this cited evidence support Reason 1?):

**Cited Evidence 2** (provide a second piece of cited evidence that supports reason 1):

**Explain** (How does this cited evidence support Reason 1?):

**Summarizing Sentence** (Restate the essay topic / your argument + supporting reason 1):

## Body Paragraph 2: Reason 2

**Topic Sentence** (Restate the essay topic / your argument + supporting reason 2):

**Evidence 1** (provide a piece of cited evidence that supports reason 2):

**Explain** (How does this cited evidence support Reason 2?):

**Cited Evidence 2** (provide a second piece of cited evidence that supports reason 2):

**Explain** (How does this cited evidence support Reason 2?):

**Summarizing Sentence** (Restate the essay topic / your argument + supporting reason 2):

### Body Paragraph 3: Reason 3

**Topic Sentence** (Restate the essay topic / your argument + supporting reason 3):

**Evidence 1** (provide a piece of cited evidence that supports reason 3):

**Explain** (How does this cited evidence support Reason 3?):

**Cited Evidence 2** (provide a second piece of cited evidence that supports reason 3):

**Explain** (How does this cited evidence support Reason 3?):

**Summarizing Sentence** (Restate the essay topic / your argument + supporting reason 3):

## Conclusion Paragraph:

Restate your **thesis** statement (The essay topic / your argument or position + 3 supporting reasons):

Closing Statement (1 or 2 sentences to end your essay; clever, summarizing remarks about the topic you have not said yet):

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