

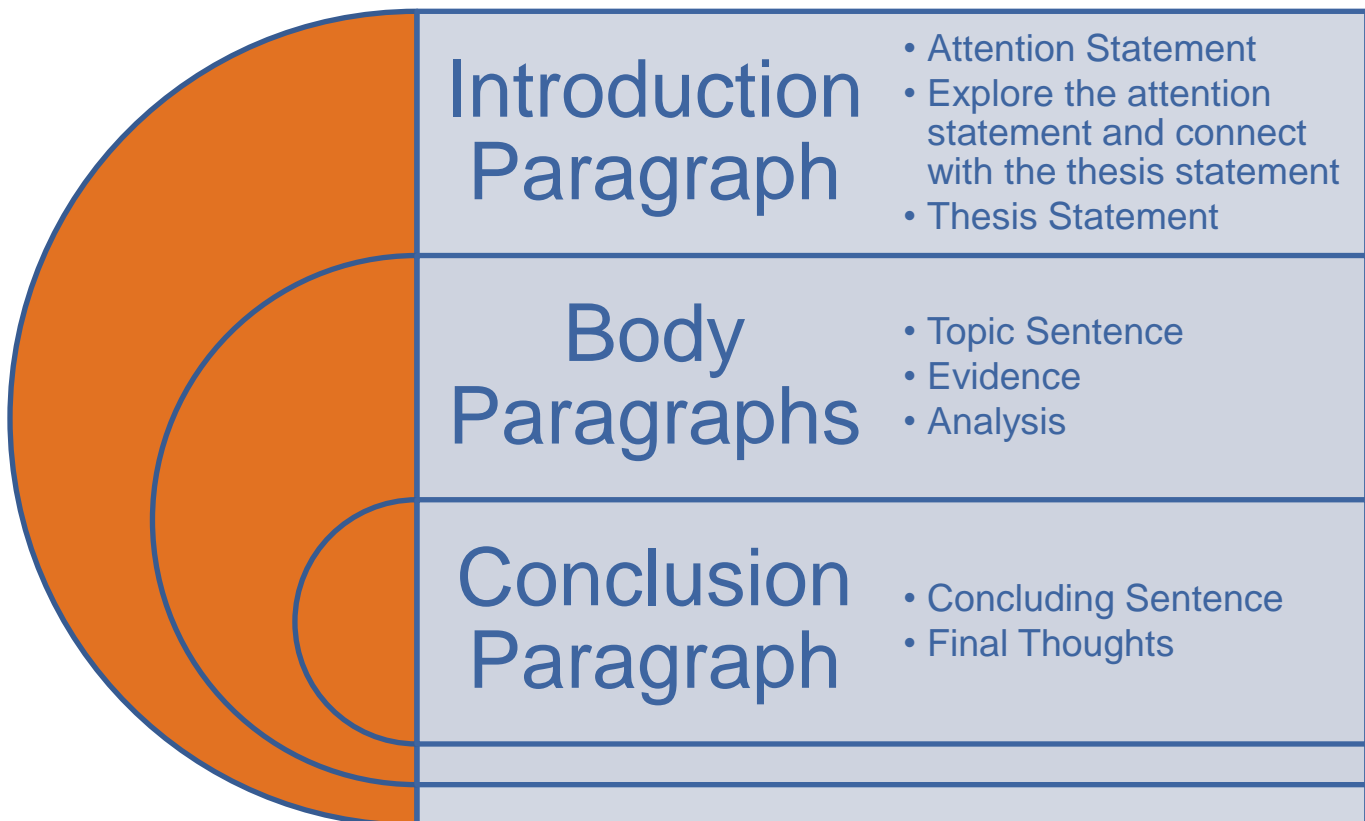
WHAT IS AN ESSAY?

DEFINITION

- Organized response, interpretation, or analysis.
- Targets a specific audience, thus vocabulary and content are carefully selected.

NOTE:

AN ESSAY DOES NOT REQUIRE ONLY 5 PARAGRAPHS.



COMPONENTS

INTRODUCTION PARAGRAPH

- (1) What is an attention statement?**
 - A fact, an opinion, a statistic, or a definition
- (2) How does a writer explore the attention statement?**
 - Content that will make the thesis statement understandable
- (3) What is the thesis statement?**
 - Statement that presents the essay point
 - Significant point, one concise point that is supportable

BODY PARAGRAPHS

- (1) What is the topic sentence?**
 - Statement that shows the topic for the one paragraph
 - Topic is connected to the thesis statement in the introduction paragraph
- (2) What kind of evidence does a writer provide?**
 - Evidence supports the topic sentence
 - A selection of quotations: direct or indirect (paraphrases), long or short quotations
- (3) What does a writer analyze for this paragraph?**
 - Explanation of previous evidence and how it relates to the topic sentence in the paragraph

CONCLUSION PARAGRAPH

- (1) What is a concluding sentence?**
 - Sums the points discussed in all body paragraphs
 - DO NOT REWRITE THE THESIS STATEMENT
- (2) What does a writer include for final thoughts?**
 - Conclude the essay with references to essay idea(s) and/or with recommendations
 - DO NOT INTRODUCE A NEW TOPIC

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