INTRODUCTION

Paragraph

Attention Grabber + Background Info
+ Thesis Statement

ATTENTION GRABBERS:

- Snapshot
- Scene
- Shocking Fact
- Thought-bubble
- Bang!
- Imagine...

THESIS STATEMENT

- One full sentence
- Summarize the main focus of your essay
- Could include your Main Ideas
BODY PARAGRAPH

Topic Sentence + Supporting Details

**Topic Sentence**
- Start with a transition (First of all, In addition,)
- State one of the Main Ideas that supports your Thesis Statement

**Supporting Details:**

Specific Examples
(For example,)

Logical Reasons
(One reason for this is...)

Research Quotes
(According to So-and-so, “...”)

Explanations
(This proves that...)
CONCLUSION

Paragraph

Summary + Interesting Wrap-up

SUMMARY

- Start with a transition (In conclusion,)
  - Reword the thesis statement
  - Review your Main Ideas

INTERESTING WRAP-UPS:

The New You
Call to Action
Warning
Full Circle
In the Future...
Interesting Quote
Paragraph Structures

**Introduction Paragraph**

- Use an **attention grabber** to get the reader hooked.
- Introduce the general topic and give some background info.
- End with your **thesis statement**.

**Body Paragraphs**

- Start with a **transition** and your **topic sentence**.
- Then include three-five sentences of **supporting details** and examples.

**Conclusion Paragraph**

- **Summarize** your main points and restate your thesis.
- Leave the reader with some **final thoughts**.
- End with an **interesting wrap-up**.
**Transitions**

**1st Supporting Paragraph**
- First of all,
- To begin with,

**2nd Supporting Paragraph**
- Also,
- Second,
- In addition,

**3rd Supporting Paragraph**
- Finally,
- Most importantly,

**Conclusion Paragraph**
- In conclusion,
- All in all,
- In the end,

**Making a Strong Point**
- Therefore,
- In fact,
- However,
Things You Should Never Say in an Essay

“My essay”

“Hello” / “Goodbye”

“For my topic I picked...”

“I hope you liked my essay.”

“The end.”

J.K. Rowling never starts a book with,

“In this book, Harry Potter is going to...”

So don’t do that in your essay either!