

Five Paragraph Essay Format



I. Introduction

- This is the “small world” of the rest of your paper. It is like a “road map” of where your story is going.
- The introduction includes your **thesis statement** that is the main idea in your essay.
- Your introduction should include the three “big ideas” about your thesis statement.

II. 1st Main Point

- Now develop your main, or “big,” idea. Begin with a **topic sentence** (what this paragraph is about), then list a **supporting statement**, follow with at least two **comments** (use specific details), and finish with your **clincher statement**.
- Be sure to keep the paragraph related to your thesis statement that is the overall essay topic.

III. 2nd Main Point

- Now develop your main, or “big,” idea. Begin with a **topic sentence** (what this paragraph is about), then list a **supporting statement**, follow with at least two **comments** (use specific details), and finish with your **clincher statement**.
- Be sure to keep the paragraph related to your thesis statement that is the overall essay topic.

IV. 3rd Main Point

- Now develop your main, or “big,” idea. Begin with a **topic sentence** (what this paragraph is about), then list a **supporting statement**, follow with at least two **comments** (use specific details), and finish with your **clincher statement**.
- Be sure to keep the paragraph related to your thesis statement that is the overall essay topic.

V. Conclusion!

- Repeat your **thesis statement**.
- Repeat your **three main or “big” ideas**.
- Try to conclude with the main points and **clincher statement** by saying the same thing but in a different way.

✓ **Suggestions for The Main Points:** Use good details; details make your story “come alive.” Be specific. ☺

- Examples and “for instances”
- Explanations—something which happened

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