

THREE-PART ESSAY STRUCTURE

I. INTRODUCTION

An introduction (often a single paragraph) contains the following:

opening sentences	introduce general topic; narrowing to subject of paper
	provide background information on topic and/or materials to be considered (i.e., title/author of book(s), time period of study, experiment conducted)
thesis	answer to question asked or statement of point to be proven (usually a single sentence); focuses essay that follows
forecast	often a sentence or sentences indicating the subtopics or subdivisions of support that will follow in the order in which they will appear

II. BODY

Each supporting paragraph of the body should contain the following components:

topic sentence	identifies subject of paragraph and relates it to thesis and essay; develops thesis
analysis of topic sentence idea	aspect of thesis introduced in topic sentence is developed further
evidence/interpretation of evidence	evidence that supports thesis and topic sentence is introduced; interpretation of evidence follows immediately
anchor	final sentence of paragraph that connects evidence and interpretation of evidence to thesis/topic sentence; refreshes reader's mind about purpose of paper without becoming repetitive; allows for clear connection between anchor and next body paragraph or conclusion

III CONCLUSION

A conclusion (often a single paragraph) contains the following:

summary

brief restatement of thesis that does not simply repeat it, brief reminder of points used to prove thesis

intensified insight

statement that deepens the idea of the thesis without introducing new topic(s) that require additional proof

THREE-PART ESSAY: STRUCTURE AND COMPONENTS

INTRODUCTION (one or more paragraphs)

includes opening sentences,
thesis and forecast

BODY (several paragraphs)

each paragraph includes the following:

topic sentence
analysis
evidence/interpretation of evidence
anchor

CONCLUSION (one or more paragraphs)

includes summary and
intensified insight

THREE-PART ESSAY: GRAPHIC ORGANIZER STYLE B

Name _____ Grade _____

Date _____ Period _____

Topic _____

INTRODUCTION (one or more paragraphs)

Opening Sentences

Thesis Statement

Forecast

BODY (several paragraphs)

Topic Sentence

Analysis

Evidence/Interp

Anchor

Topic Sentence

Analysis

Evidence/Interp

Anchor

Topic Sentence

Analysis

Evidence/Interp

Anchor

Topic Sentence

Analysis

Evidence/Interp

Anchor

CONCLUSION (one or more paragraphs)

Summary

Intensified Insight
