

# 5 PARAGRAPH ESSAY FORMAT

## INTRODUCTION

1. Catchy/Creative
2. **Thesis Statement**
  - \*in one, concise, declarative sentence
3. Suggests or indicates an order for the body paragraphs
  - \*usually three distinct parts

## BODY

### First, state your topic sentence.

Then, follow the same order as the introduction.

1. Make statement #1 to support thesis.
2. Cite textual evidence.
3. Explain details to clarify statement #1 and textual evidence.

*Transition . . .*

### Second, state your topic sentence.

Then, follow the same order as the introduction.

1. Make statement #2 to support thesis.
2. Cite textual evidence.
3. Explain details to clarify statement #2 and textual evidence.

*Transition . . .*

### Third, state your topic sentence.

Then, follow the same order as the introduction.

1. Make statement #3 to support thesis.
2. Cite textual evidence.
3. Explain details to clarify statement #3 and textual evidence.

## CONCLUSION

1. Return audience/reader to **Thesis Statement**.  
(Restate the thesis.)
2. Review/recap the information from the paper/speech.
3. Wrap it up.
4. Conclude.