

The Essay Burger of Epic Proportions



Introduction

- 1) Introduction Sentence
- 2) 1-2 Sentences Providing Background on Your Topic
- 3) Thesis Statement
- 4) Plan of Development (a list of your arguments in the order you will be writing them)

Body Paragraph 1

- 1) Topic sentence (a sub argument relating to your thesis, specifically addressing an argument in your plan of development)
- 2) A point (a reason why your sub-argument/topic sentence is valid)
- 3) Proof verifying the point (usually a quotation)
- 4) An explanation tying the point and proof together (your own analysis)
- 5) *Typically a body paragraph will have 2-3 "point, proof, explanation" rotations, depending on how long the essay is.

Body Paragraph 2

- 1) Topic sentence (a sub argument relating to your thesis, specifically addressing an argument in your plan of development)
- 2) A point (a reason why your sub-argument/topic sentence is valid)
- 3) Proof verifying the point (usually a quotation)
- 4) An explanation tying the point and proof together (your own analysis)
- 5) *Typically a body paragraph will have 2-3 "point, proof, explanation" rotations, depending on how long the essay is.

Body Paragraph 3

- 1) Topic sentence (a sub argument relating to your thesis, specifically addressing an argument in your plan of development)
- 2) A point (a reason why your sub-argument/topic sentence is valid)
- 3) Proof verifying the point (usually a quotation)
- 4) An explanation tying the point and proof together (your own analysis)
- 5) *Typically a body paragraph will have 2-3 "point, proof, explanation" rotations, depending on how long the essay is.

Conclusion

- 1) Synthesize (do not summarize!) your arguments
- 2) Explain why these arguments matter (so what?)
- 3) Provide an insight on your topic (this is what can be learned from reading this essay)
- 4) A concluding sentence