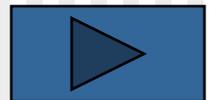
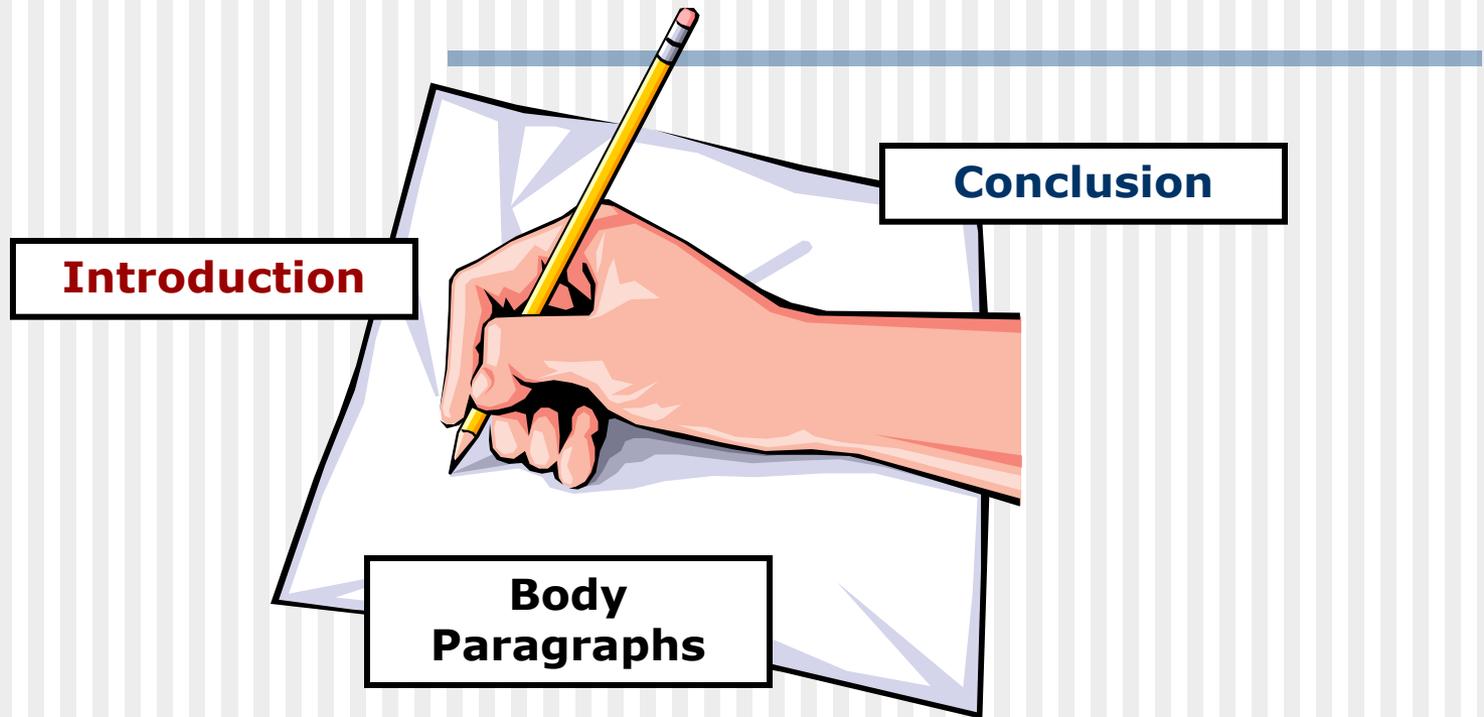


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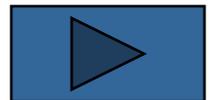
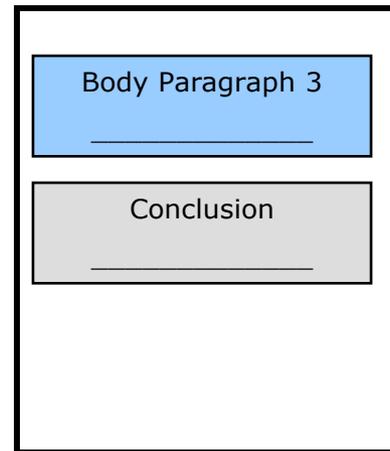
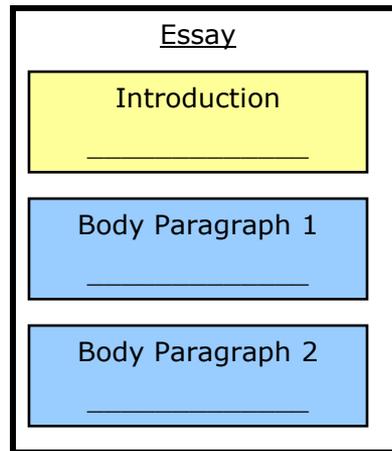


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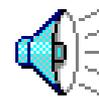
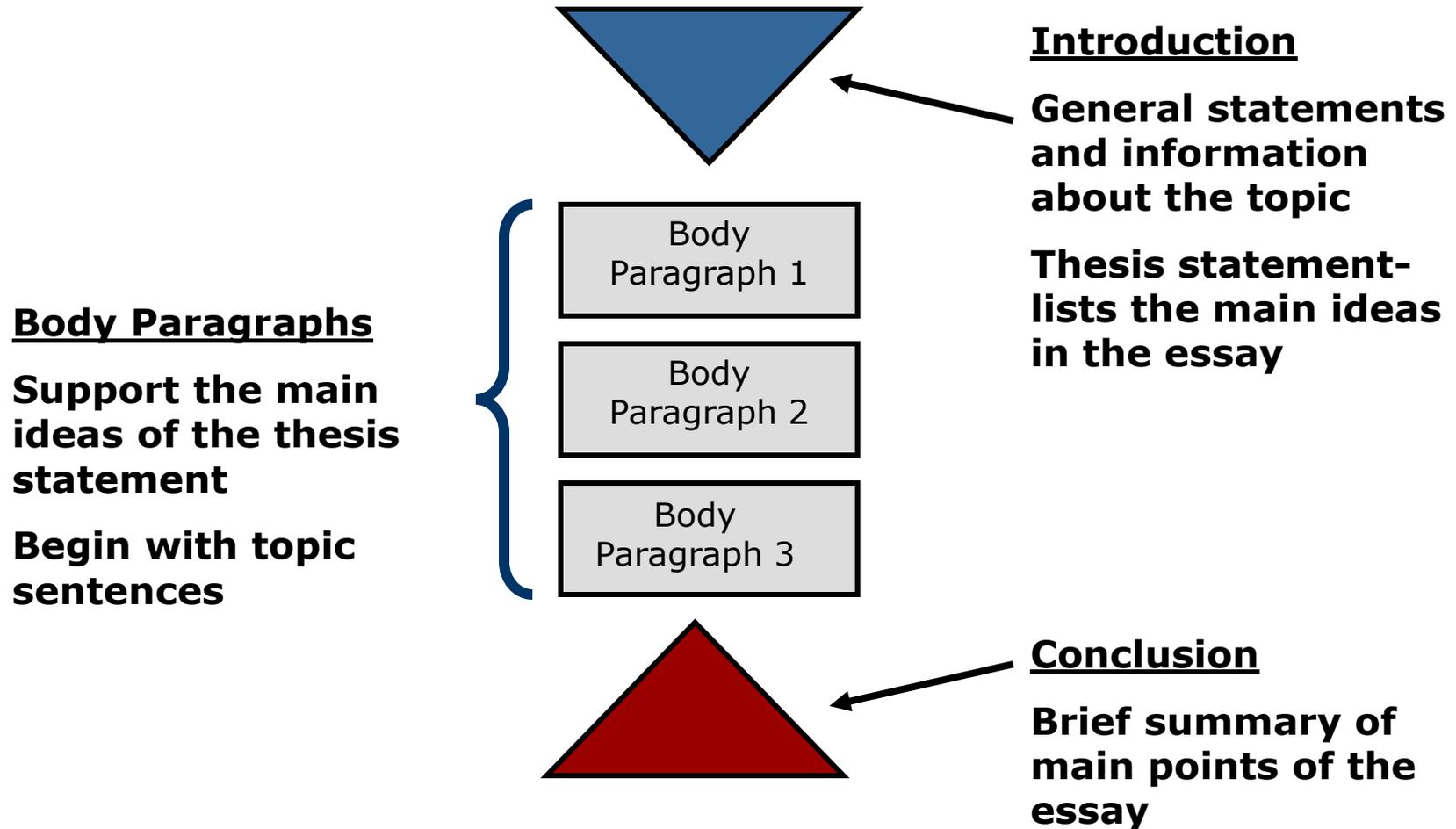
What is an essay ?



An essay is a piece of writing that usually has five or more paragraphs. An essay is written about one topic that has several main points. The main points are introduced in an **introductory paragraph** and supported in **body paragraphs**. The **conclusion** is the last paragraph.

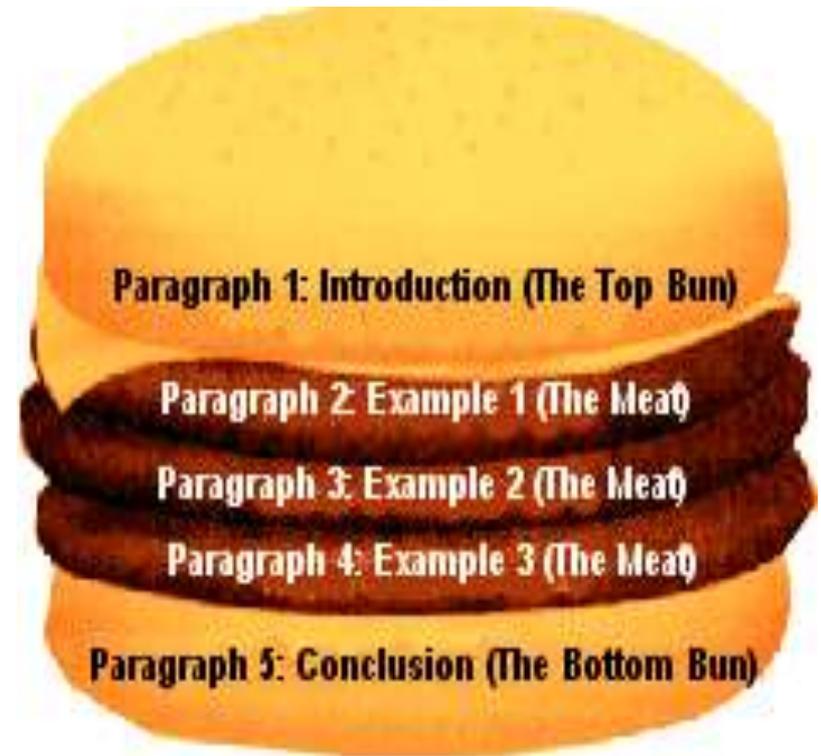


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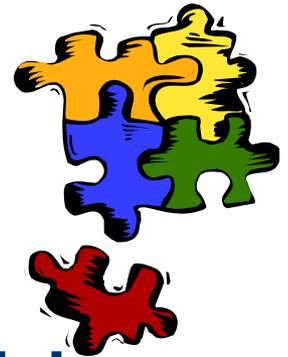
The Hamburger Method

- Essays, like sandwiches or burgers, are divided into different
- Introduction
- Body
- Conclusion



Parts of an Essay

An Introduction



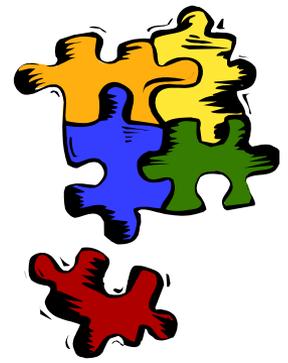
An *introductory paragraph* is the first paragraph in an essay. It contains two parts.

- 1. General Statements: a few sentences about your subject that catch the attention of your reader.**
- 2. A Thesis Statement: one sentence that tells your reader the main points of your topic and states the overall “plan” of your essay.**

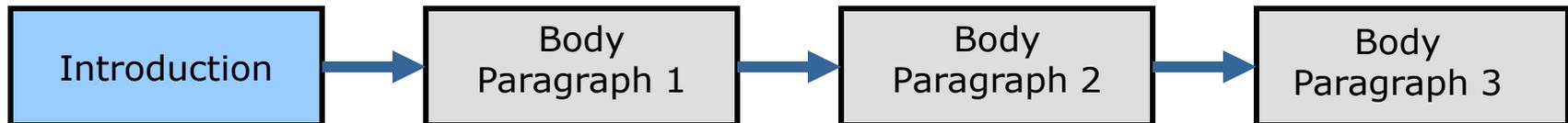


Parts of an Essay

Body Paragraphs



The body consists of one or more paragraphs following the introduction. Each paragraph supports the main idea of your essay by breaking it down into smaller ideas or sub-topics. Each body paragraph consists of a topic sentence and several supporting sentences. A conclusion sentence draws the paragraph together.

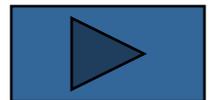
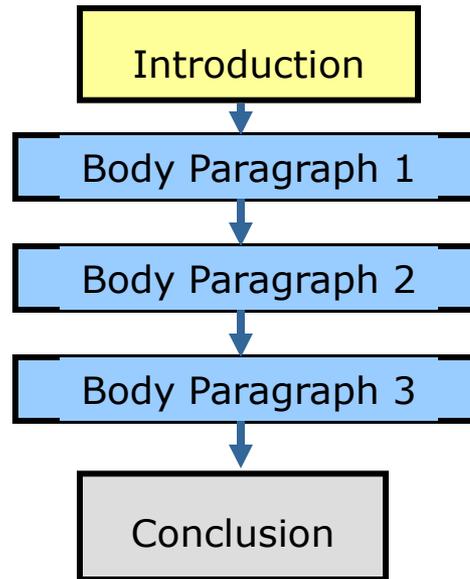


Parts of an Essay

Conclusion



The conclusion paragraph is the last paragraph in the essay. It completes the essay by summarizing or repeating the most important ideas. The conclusion can also include an opinion, a prediction, or a solution to a problem.



Example

An Introduction



General Statements

Going to a new school can be exciting, but for an international student, the years of education in a different country can be difficult and tumultuous. When I first arrived in the U.S. to attend a university, I was overwhelmed and confused by everything new.

Fortunately, I met three very special friends who made a positive impact on my life during those years and helped me survive the trials of being a foreigner in a completely different educational system.

Thesis Statement



Example

Body Paragraph



Topic Sentence

One of the first people I met was Joe Frieda. I first met Joe standing in a line at the bookstore. I was having a difficult time finding the books for the English classes I was taking my first semester here. He not only helped me find my books, but he also gave me some good advice on where to get tutorial help on campus and where I could find some good restaurants. We've become better friends since then and he has been so helpful in answering any questions I have about going to school in the U.S. and about American culture. If I hadn't met Joe that day, I might still be looking for the right books for my classes!

Concluding Sentence

Supporting Sentences



Example

Conclusion



Summary of Main Ideas

“The significance of the kindness that these three people showed me and the impact that it has made on my life during my experience as an international student at State University cannot be underestimated. I will never forget their friendship and will remember their examples of kindness to me whenever I encounter other foreigners in my own country.”

Promise or Resolution

