

5 Paragraph Persuasive Essay Outline

Question: _____

The Introduction

Tells the reader the main idea of the composition
and suggests its type and purpose.

Consists of 3 parts

1. The "Grabber" Sentence

This is the first sentence in your introduction which "grabs" the reader's attention, It makes the reader interested in your essay and makes them want to read more.

The "Grabber" should be about a sentence long which introduces your topic with an interesting fact, statistic, quote, etc. You want your reader to be interested!

It is often easier to do the "Grabber" ***AFTER*** the **CONCLUSION**. In other words, do it last.

"Grabber" Sentence:

2. The Thesis Sentence

Before you begin writing, decide on your answer to the question asked of you. This is your basic thesis.

Serves as the topic sentence for both the introductory paragraph and the whole essay.

Thesis Sentence:

3. “Key Defense” Sentence

Decide on what three pieces of evidence/support you will use to prove your thesis.

Place your three pieces of evidence in order of strength (least to most).

Evidence:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Each piece of evidence you are going to discuss in the body should be mentioned in your key defense sentence. Each will get its own paragraph in the body.

DO NOT use specific items.

For example: Do not use “watermelon” here. Instead write about foods and use watermelon as evidence to support this topic in the body of the essay.

This will be the transition sentence into the **BODY** of the essay.

“Key Defense” Sentence:
