

Paragraph & Essay Frame

5th Grade

The five-paragraph skeleton plus sentence starters for each slot.

INTRODUCTION

start here

Hook · background · thesis

"Have you ever..."

"In this essay I will show that..."

BODY 1

paragraph 2

Strongest reason first

"One reason is..."

"For example,..."

"This shows that..."

BODY 2

paragraph 3

Second reason

"Another reason is..."

"For instance,..."

"This means..."

BODY 3

paragraph 4

Last reason

"Finally,..."

"According to..."

"As a result,..."

CONCLUSION

finish here

Restate · sum up · leave a thought

"In conclusion,..."

"This is why..."

ORDER

Write the body first. The introduction is easiest once you know what you said.