

Essay Format

Introduction Paragraph

- “Hook” sentence that grabs the reader’s attention and introduces topic.
- Your opinion/answer to the question –
- Introduce the titles of the articles you have chosen as your evidence and explain why.

Body Paragraphs 1-2

- Main Idea
- Introduce Evidence #1
- Evidence/Example #1
- Analyze Evidence #1
- Introduce Evidence #2
- Evidence/Example #2
- Analyze Evidence #2
- Link to whole essay

Main Idea: This should be your topic sentence, stating the point of your paragraph. (Introduce the title of the text

Evidence/Example: This is where you support your main idea with evidence from the text. You need to INTRODUCE your evidence by giving context, so that the example or evidence makes sense.

Analyze Evidence: This is where you analyze and explain HOW your evidence proves your main idea.

Link: This is where you link back to your main idea. Reinforce your main idea, or expand on it. (Concluding sentence, summing up your thoughts.)

Conclusion paragraph:

- Restates your answer to the question –
(not necessarily in the same exact words as your introduction)
- Recaps/summarizes your body paragraphs and main ideas of texts
- Has strong closure/concluding sentence