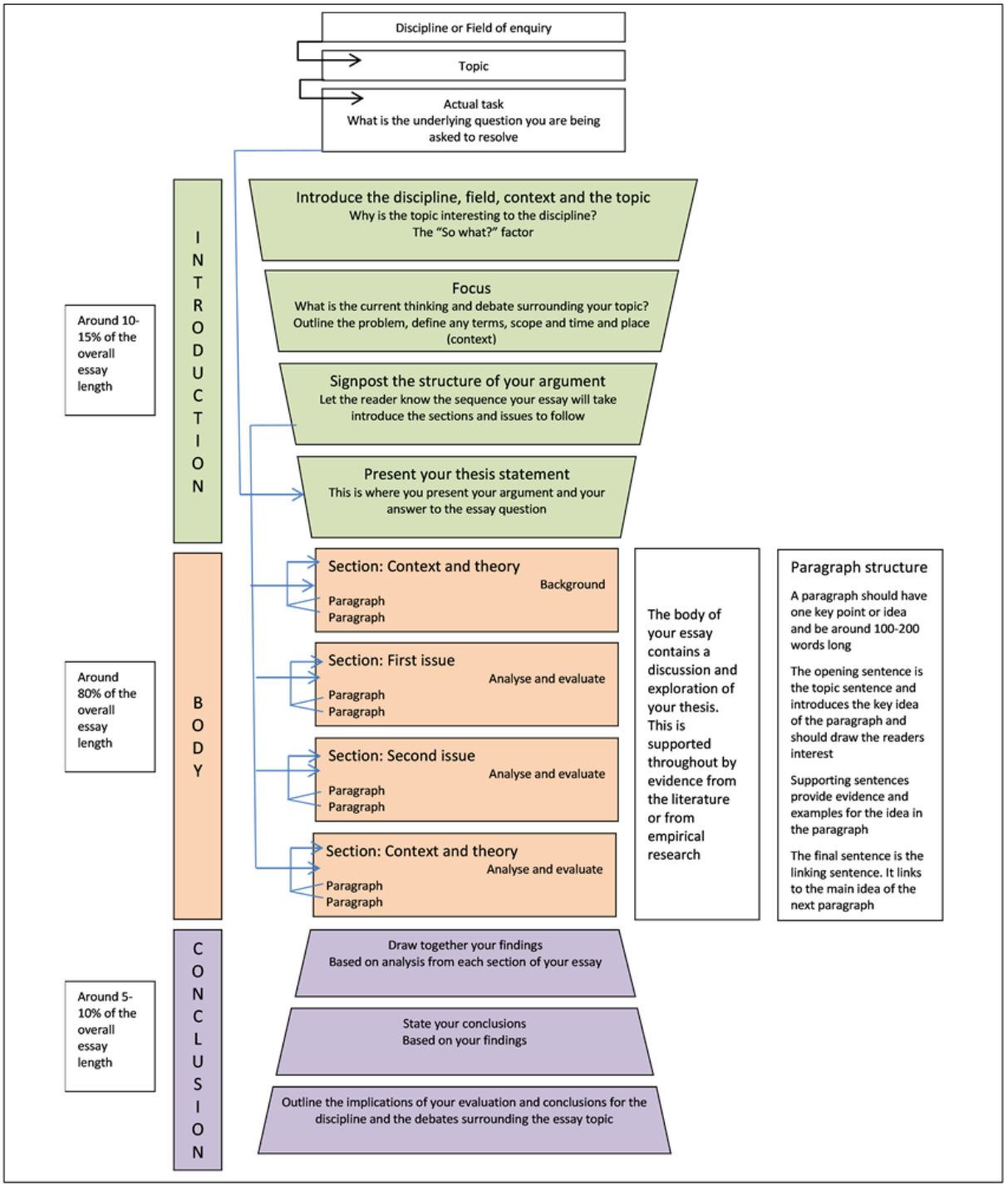
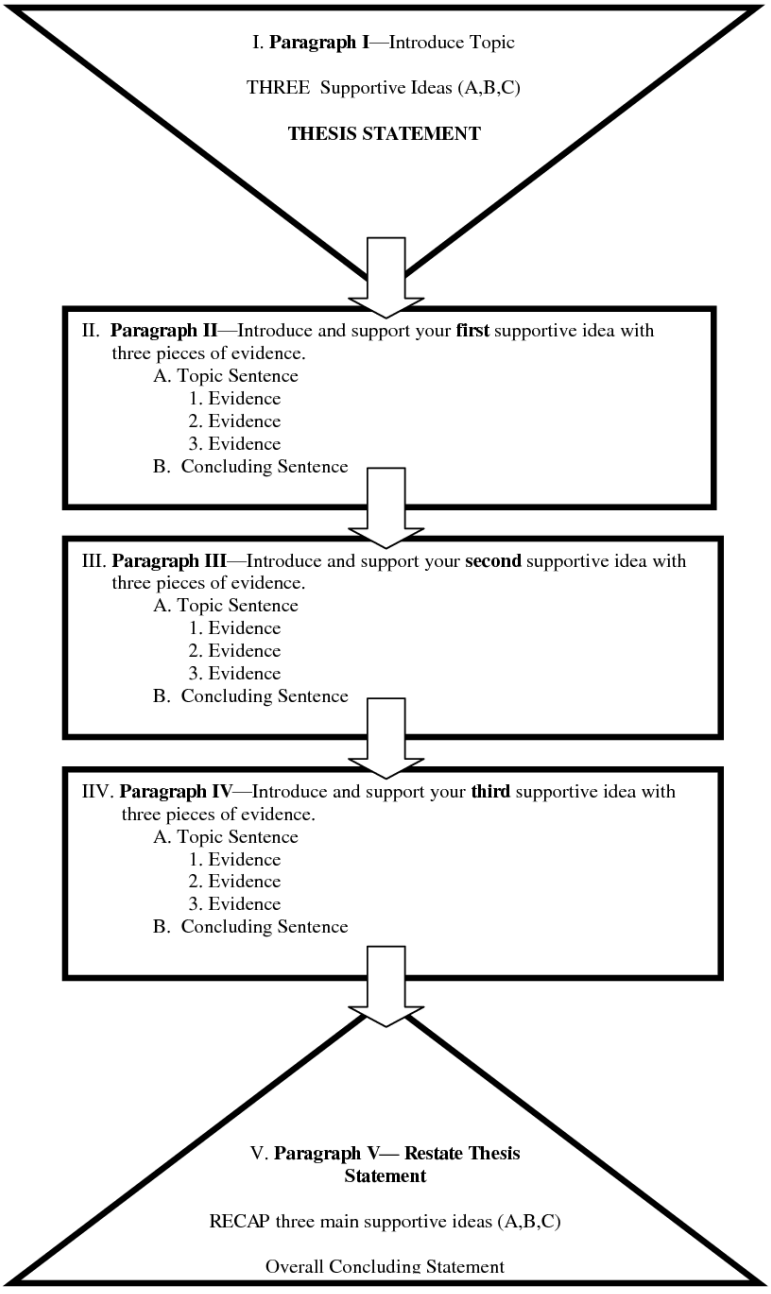

Discipline or Field of enquiry
Topic
Actual task
What is the underlying question you are being asked to resolve
INTRODUCTION
Introduce the discipline, field, context and the topic
Why is the topic interesting to the discipline?
The "So what?" factor
Focus
What is the current thinking and debate surrounding your topic?
Outline the problem, define any terms, scope and time and place (context)
Signpost the structure of your argument
Let the reader know the sequence your essay will take introduce the sections and issues to follow
Present your thesis statement
This is where you present your argument and your answer to the essay question
Around 10-15% of the overall essay length
BODY
Section: Context and theory
Background
Paragraph
Paragraph
Section: First issue
Analyse and evaluate
Paragraph
Paragraph
Section: Second issue
Analyse and evaluate
Paragraph
Paragraph
Section: Context and theory
Analyse and evaluate
Paragraph
Paragraph
Around 80% of the overall essay length
The body of your essay contains a discussion and exploration of your thesis. This is supported throughout by evidence from the literature or from empirical research
Paragraph structure
A paragraph should have one key point or idea and be around 100-200 words long
The opening sentence is the topic sentence and introduces the key idea of the paragraph and should draw the readers interest
Supporting sentences provide evidence and examples for the idea in the paragraph
The final sentence is the linking sentence. It links to the main idea of the next paragraph
CONCLUSION
Draw together your findings
Based on analysis from each section of your essay
State your conclusions
Based on your findings
Outline the implications of your evaluation and conclusions for the discipline and the debates surrounding the essay topic
Around 5-10% of the overall essay length

5 Paragraph Persuasive Essay Structure

Introductory Paragraph=	**Grabber (1-2)** + **Flow (1)** + **Thesis Statement (1)** (states main idea and three supporting points)
SEXY Paragraph for Point #1=	**S**tate your point **(1)** (topic sentence identifying one supporting point) **E**xplain your point **(3-4)** E**x**ample – specific **(1-2)** **Y**our Link back to the main point **(1)** (concluding sentence)
SEXY Paragraph for Point #2=	**S**tate your point **(1)** (topic sentence identifying one supporting point) **E**xplain your point **(3-4)** E**x**ample – specific **(1-2)** **Y**our Link back to the main point **(1)** (concluding sentence)
SEXY Paragraph for Point #3=	**S**tate your point **(1)** (topic sentence identifying one supporting point) **E**xplain your point **(3-4)** E**x**ample – specific **(1-2)** **Y**our Link back to the main point **(1)** (concluding sentence)
Concluding Paragraph=	**Summary Statement (1)** (restates thesis statement) + **Clincher (3-4)**

Basic 5-Paragraph Essay Graphic Organizer



Worksheet for a Five-Paragraph Essay

THE INTRODUCTION: THESIS STATEMENT: A single sentence explains the purpose and approach of the essay.

MAIN POINTS: The essay's main points are introduced, often with one sentence for each. This often outlines the paper.

POINT 1:

POINT 2:

POINT 3:

1

THE FIRST MAIN POINT: TOPIC SENTENCE: This paragraph addresses the first point listed in the thesis statement.

POINT 1:	SUPPORT 1:
POINT 2:	SUPPORT 2:
POINT 3:	SUPPORT 3:

2

THE SECOND MAIN POINT: TOPIC SENTENCE: The paragraph covers the second point in the thesis statement.

POINT 1:	SUPPORT 1:
POINT 2:	SUPPORT 2:
POINT 3:	SUPPORT 3:

3

THE THIRD MAIN POINT: TOPIC SENTENCE: The paragraph refers to the third point listed in the thesis statement.

POINT 1:	SUPPORT 1:
POINT 2:	SUPPORT 2:
POINT 3:	SUPPORT 3:

4

THE CONCLUSION: The final paragraph summarizes the essay, often using wording similar to the introduction.

POINT 1:

POINT 2:

POINT 3:

CONCLUDING STATEMENT:

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Provided by the Regent University Writing Center as one approach for writing a five-paragraph essay.

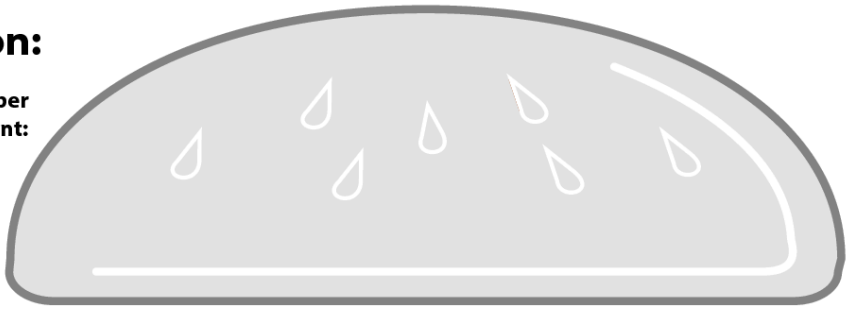
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ESSAY WRITING: SANDWICH DIAGRAM

Introduction:

Grabber Statement:

Thesis Statement:



Topic 1:

Include 3 to 4 supporting points

Topic 2:

Include 3 to 4 supporting points

Topic 3:

Include 3 to 4 supporting points

Conclusion:

Summary of Thesis:

Clincher Statement:

Persuasive Essay Diagram

Introduction

I. First Paragraph

A. Capture: _____

_____

B. Position: _____

_____

C. Three Reasons: _____

_____

_____

Body

II. Second Paragraph

Reason: _____

A. Detail: _____

_____

B. Detail: _____

_____

C. Detail: _____

_____

III. Third Paragraph

Reason: _____

A. Detail: _____

_____

B. Detail: _____

_____

C. Detail: _____

_____

IV. Fourth Paragraph

Reason: _____

A. Detail: _____

_____

B. Detail: _____

_____

C. Detail: _____

_____

V. Fifth Paragraph

Reason oposition is wrong: _____

A. Detail: _____

B. Detail: _____

Reason oposition is wrong: _____

A. Detail: _____

B. Detail: _____

Conclusion

VI. Last Paragraph

Restate Position: _____

Sumary: _____

_____

Echo capture: _____

5 Steps to Write a Perfect Essay



STEP 1. PRE-WRITING



What is your audience?
What is your purpose?
What is your topic?
Brainstorm ideas!



STEP 2. ORGANIZING & PLANNING

Make an outline (rough plan)



STEP 3. DRAFTING

Get all your thoughts on the paper - it's just a draft
Develop your thoughts, let them grow



STEP 4. REVISING & EDITING

Look at ways to improve your essay
Does your paper is clear for readers?
Check spelling, grammar, punctuation and sentence constuctions



STEP 5. THE FINAL COPY