

The Five Paragraph Essay in Outline Form

Note: The parts of the paragraphs outlined below do not indicate the number of sentences per paragraph. For instance, the attention grabber and background information in the introduction may need to be more than one sentence each.

Introduction (paragraph #1)

- Attention grabber
- Background information
- Thesis statement

Body

Paragraph #2

- Topic Sentence with point #1 from the thesis statement
- Supporting detail #1
- Explanation of supporting detail #1
- Supporting detail #2
- Explanation of supporting detail #2
- Supporting detail #3
- Explanation of supporting detail #3
- Cincher/Transition Sentence

Paragraph #3

- Topic Sentence with point #2 from the thesis statement
- Supporting detail #1
- Explanation of supporting detail #1
- Supporting detail #2
- Explanation of supporting detail #2
- Supporting detail #3
- Explanation of supporting detail #3
- Cincher/Transition Sentence

Paragraph #4

- Topic Sentence with point #3 from the thesis statement
- Supporting detail #1
- Explanation of supporting detail #1
- Supporting detail #2
- Explanation of supporting detail #2
- Supporting detail #3
- Explanation of supporting detail #3
- Cincher/Transition Sentence

Conclusion

- Closing information
- Clincher