

Essay Organizer

Introductory Paragraph (Purpose: To give your reader an overview of your opinion and supportive arguments) (3 parts)

Hook (Purpose: To grab your reader's attention and make him/her want to read on)

Thesis (Purpose: To clearly state what you are going to prove in your essay – your opinion on a specific topic, an answer to a question)

Mapping Statement (Purpose: To map out for your reader the three arguments that you will use to support your thesis)

*Remember to tuck away your weakest argument in the middle and save your strongest argument for the end – unless you've come up with another, more effective method of organization.

Body Paragraphs (Purpose: To express your three arguments with solid proofs, using well-organized paragraphs)

Topic sentence for Body Paragraph #1	Topic sentence for Body Paragraph #2	Topic sentence for Body Paragraph #3
First point	First point	First point
Proof	Proof	Proof
Explanation of significance of proof	Explanation of significance of proof	Explanation of significance of proof
Second point	Second point	Second point
Proof	Proof	Proof
Explanation of significance of proof	Explanation of significance of proof	Explanation of significance of proof
Third point	Third point	Third point
Proof	Proof	Proof
Explanation of significance of proof	Explanation of significance of proof	Explanation of significance of proof
Concluding sentence for Body Par. #1	Concluding sentence for Body Par. #2	Concluding sentence for Body Par. #3

Concluding Paragraph (Purpose: To restate (not repeat) your thesis, summarize your supporting arguments, and leave a lasting impression with your reader)
(3 parts)

Restatement of Thesis (Purpose: To remind your reader of what you were trying to prove throughout your essay)

Summary of Main Arguments (Purpose: To remind your reader of the arguments you used to support your thesis)

Closing Statement (Purpose: To make the essay sound finished, leave your reader convinced of your thesis, and prompt your reader to think further about the topic)
