

Essay Layers

INTRODUCTION POINTS

Attention-grabber	⇒	Quotes, anecdote, description, rhetorical question, etc. that will inspire your audience to read more of the essay;
Thesis-Statement	⇒	A one or two sentence summary of the main argument made in the paper that states one specific, debatable idea;
Background Information	⇒	A quick summary of the context or significance of your paper topic;
Tone Tips	⇒	The introduction should set up the organization and tone of the rest of the paper;
Verb Consistency	⇒	You should keep the verb consistency throughout your whole essay (for ex: use the Past Tense verbs for your past actions; Future Tense for your future ones)

BODY/PARAGRAHING

Topic Sentence	⇒	Helps your reader to understand the main idea of your paragraph; clarifies your points/opinions to your audience;
Support of Main Idea	⇒	The rest of the paragraph should be devoted to explaining or developing the main idea of the paragraph;
Transition	⇒	It usually helps your reader to follow the flow of your argument if you include a transitional phrase or word at the beginning of each paragraph or at the end of the preceding paragraph;

CONCLUSION

Reminder	⇒	Review the paper's main points in a different way. The reader should be able to read just the conclusion and still understand the basic topic of the paper;
End Big	⇒	The conclusion is the last thing your audience will read and the part they will remember the best. Pick the main idea of your essay and emphasize on it to impress the readers with your opinion and view;
No New Ideas	⇒	Make sure to avoid introducing new ideas when writing the conclusion;

For more resources you may visit:

<http://www.unl.edu/writing/useful-links>

<http://www2.le.ac.uk/offices/ld/resources/writing/writing-resources/writing-essays>

http://writing.wisc.edu/Handbook/apessay_tips.html

http://grammar.ccc.commnet.edu/grammar/five_par.htm