

Outline

Introduction

- A. Hook - gets reader's attention and displays your awareness of the world around you.
- B. Provide background information of the book and how it connects to your hook and to your topic. (Includes *Title* and author of the book)
- C. Thesis

First Body Paragraph - 1st reason

- A. Topic Sentence - a broad summary statement / tells the reader the first reason in your thesis
- B. Explanation - evidence that supports your reason/introduces the quote
- C. Documented Quote - add an in-text citation (author #).
- D. Commentary - how does your evidence connect to your topic/thesis?
- E. Closing sentence - wrap up the idea
- E. Transition - introduce the next reason

Begin next paragraph with a transition word/transitional phrase

Second Body Paragraph - 2nd reason

- A. Topic Sentence - a broad summary statement / tells the reader the second reason in your thesis (Includes transition word)
- B. Explanation - evidence that supports your reason/introduces the quote
- C. Documented Quote - add an in-text citation (#).
- D. Commentary - how does your evidence connect to your topic/thesis?
- E. Closing - wrap up the idea
- F. Transition - introduce the next reason

Begin next paragraph with a transition word/transitional phrase

Third Body Paragraph - 3rd reason

- A. Topic Sentence - a broad summary statement / tells the reader the third reason in your thesis (Includes transition word)
- B. Explanation - evidence that supports your reason/introduces the quote
- C. Document Quote - add an in-text citation (#).
- D. Commentary - how does your evidence connect to your topic/thesis?
- E. Closing - wrap up the idea

Conclusion

- A. Establish the ending by restating your thesis using different words.
- B. Reflect on the most important ideas of your essay
- C. Closing statement - what should the reader have learned?/Appeal to the reader's emotions.

- Remember to use transition words in your body paragraphs to connect ideas - see handout
- Do not use first or second person pronouns
- Do not use contractions or abbreviations
- Remember to stay in the literary tense