

# Efwfw college essay



5 paragraph Essay Format

**Paragraph 1: Introduction • Hook-** (should be a single sentence) An opening sentence or two that grabs the reader's interest and introduces the general topic of the essay. Cannot be a question or " I am going to tell you..." Instead try:

- Historical information
- An anecdote
- A surprising statement
- A declarative statement
- A quote
- Background-

(Should be 2-3 sentences) Some topics are better understood if a brief historical review of the topic is presented to lead into the discussion of the moment:

- Make sure it's factual
- Keep it brief

**Thesis-** (Should be a single sentence) Explains what the paper is about. The easiest thesis sentence is to use the question in the sentence but answer it. Example question: What role did Manifest Destiny play in the Civil War and Reconstruction? Example answer: Manifest Destiny created \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ making it the reason why the US went into a Civil War and suffered through Reconstruction.

**Paragraph 2: Body Paragraphs** (Should be at least 3 paragraphs in length)

- **Topic Sentence-** (Single sentence) Starts with key words like " For example, or first, second, another.

." then contains one of the main points from the thesis sentence.~The following two should be done at least 3 times in each body paragraph.~

- **Proof-** (Single sentence) Should be a citation of what you found. It can be a direct quote from a document or a summary of what you found.
- **Argument** -(2-3 sentences) Statements that explain the proof.

Must explain how the proof fits as an answer to the question.

**Paragraph 5: Conclusion** (Should be a single sentence)

- Restate your thesis. Using the thesis sentence from above say it again but using completely different words.