

What is an essay?

A paper about a specific topic. Can inform the reader about something.

At least 5 paragraphs in a classroom setting

Usually paragraphs have their own space, with an indentation at the beginning and you hit enter at the end.

Introduction



Good starting sentence that is eye-catching. A hook.

Maybe some background topics

Don't forget, if you are writing about an article or essay or other media, to include the full title and author in your introduction – INTRODUCE the media you are talking about.

Has a layout with what the essay is going to be about.

It presents the main topic and prepares the reader for what is to come.

Often as a thesis – which is the sentence that provides an overview of what the essay is going to be about

Body Paragraphs (usually at LEAST 3)

Usually 5+ sentences

Introductory sentence transitioning from prior paragraph

One paragraph = one sub-topic

Supporting evidence/information

Concluding sentence with a Start to transition



Conclusion



Restate the thesis – the main points of the essay, reiterated.

You can do a reflection

You can insert reminders of what was important in what you wrote

Restate purpose of essay

Works Cited