

Outline for a 5-Paragraph Essay

Introduction:

- Background Information
 - What is the issue? What will you be proving in your thesis statement? Give context as to what has led up to the issue at hand.
- Thesis Statement
 - The three main problems you are going to talk about and provide evidence for.
 - These are the claims you are making to address the prompt.

Body Paragraph 1:

- Discuss first problem listed in your thesis statement.
 - Topic sentence
 - Evidence
 - Explanation/Analysis of the importance of your evidence and how it supports your claim.
- Cite properly!

Body Paragraph 2:

- Discuss second problem listed in your thesis statement.
 - Topic sentence
 - Evidence
 - Explanation/Analysis of the importance of your evidence and how it supports your claim.
- Cite properly!

Body Paragraph 3:

- Discuss third problem listed in your thesis statement.
 - Topic sentence
 - Evidence
 - Explanation/Analysis of the importance of your evidence and how it supports your claim.
- Cite properly!

Conclusion:

- Revisit your thesis.
- Provide a final thought/point of view.