

Template #4

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The following Essay Format is provided by The Teachers Poster Company:

Title:

- Conveys the main point of the essay in 10 words or fewer
- Find a creative way to attract the reader’s attention and interest.
- Capitalize the first words and all important words that follow.

Introduction:

- Begin with a sentence that captures the reader’s attention.
- Give background information on the topic.
- Enhance the paragraph with an interesting example, surprising statistic, or “hook.”
- Include Thesis statement.

Thesis:

- State the main idea of the essay more general than the supporting material.
- May mention the main point of each of the body paragraphs.

Body Paragraphs:

- Body Paragraph *One*: Begin with a topic sentence that state the main point of the paragraph and relates it to the thesis statement.
- Fill with well-organized examples, quotations, analogies, and/or narrations. May end with a transition.
- Body Paragraph *Two*: Begin with a topic sentence that states the main point of the paragraph, and relates to the thesis statement.
- Fill with well organized examples, quotations, comparisons, analogies and or narration.
- May end with a transition.
- Body Paragraph *Three*: Begin with a topic sentence that states the main point of the paragraph, and relates to the thesis statement. Fill with well organized examples, quotations, comparisons, analogies, and/or narration.
- May end with a transition.

Conclusion:

- “Echo” the thesis statement without repeating it.
- May pose a question for future thought or suggest a course of action.
- Include a detail or example form introduction to “tie-up” essay.
- End with a strong image or a bit of wit.