

Sample Core A 5-Paragraph Essay Outline

I. Introduction

- A. Hook
- B. Background info
- C. Thesis statement (main point to be made in essay, usually 3 prongs, or main points)

II. Topic Sentence for body paragraph 1 (prong/main point #1)

- A. Statement #1
 - 1. example or explanation of statement #1
 - 2. example or explanation of statement #1
- B. Statement #2
 - 1. example or explanation of statement #2
 - 2. example or explanation of statement #2
- C. Clincher/Transition

III. Topic Sentence for body paragraph 2 (prong/main point #2)

- A. Statement #1
 - 1. example or explanation of statement #1
 - 2. example or explanation of statement #1
- B. Statement #2
 - 1. example or explanation of statement #2
 - 2. example or explanation of statement #2
- C. Clincher/Transition

IV. Topic Sentence for body paragraph 3 (prong/main point #3)

- A. Statement #1
 - 1. example or explanation of statement #1
 - 2. example or explanation of statement #1
- B. Statement #2
 - 1. example or explanation of statement #2
 - 2. example or explanation of statement #2
- C. Clincher/Transition

V. Conclusion (includes the 3 “R’s” and not in a specific order, except the “wRap-up,” or clincher which must be last)

- A. Revisit main points (restate in new words each of the topic sentences)
- B. Restate thesis (not verbatim)
- C. wRap-up essay with a solid clincher (should leave reader thinking)