v6: Essay structure.

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| # | A very useful visual metaphor | Element | Description |
| 0 |  | Title | A good title both catches the reader's interest and somewhat predicts the content of the essay. |
| 1 | Introduction | Opener | A creative hook that draws the reader’s attention. You could ask a rhetorical question, use current affairs, a compelling statistic, an engaging anecdote, or a provocative thought experiment. |
| Thesis statement | One sentence with your position and the three clear, specific, and arguable main ideas. The sentence announces and organises the content of the essay. |
| 2 | Body paragraph 1 +body paragraph 2+body paragraph 3 | Point (topic sentence) | The point you are making in a paragraph is usually stated in its first sentence and announces and organises the content and function of the paragraph. |
| 3 | Elaboration | Additional information that clarifies the topic sentence. |
| Evidence | Provide support through facts, statistics, examples, experts, etc. |
| 4 | Link | Transitional phrase that refers to the topic sentence and refers to the paragraph’s point in the context of the essay. |
| 5 | Conclusion |  | The conclusion generalises and provides the logical continuation of the essay’s ideas. You may provide a warning, recommendation, a call to action, or appropriate quote. |
| Final sentence | A final sentence leaves a lasting impression, for example through wordplay or by providing closure to a problem posed earlier on. |