

The Essay

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The Thesis

Your first step in writing an essay is figuring out what you are writing about...

Your thesis needs to be:

- a strong statement

- a complete sentence

Thesis Example (persuasive essay)

Schools should have uniforms.

I think that maybe schools would benefit from adopting uniforms.

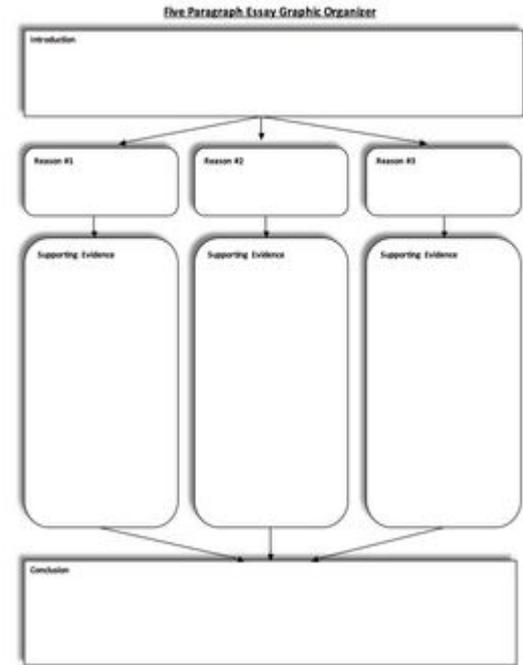
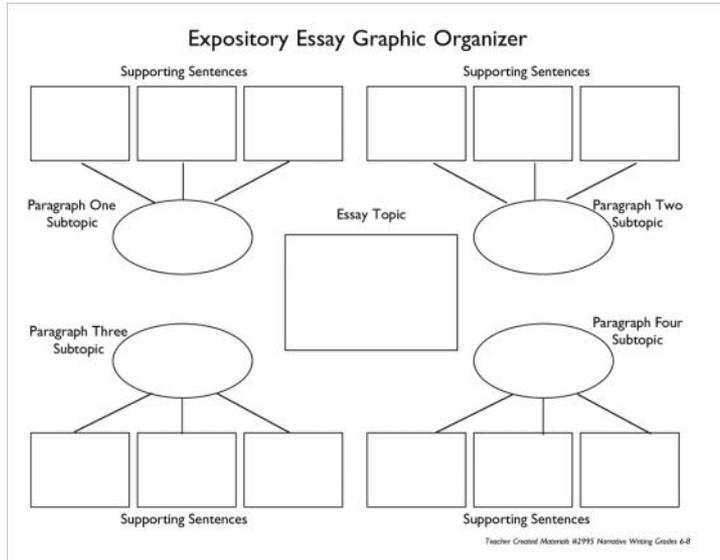
Schools are more effective when all students are wearing a uniform.

STEP 1

In your groups choose your thesis now...

The Graphic Organizer

Adds clarity and focus to ideas



Step 2

Fill out your graphic organizer now...

Introduction

- should be 5-7 sentences
- should start with a HOOK
- should include your thesis statement
- should include your 3 main support topics

Hook

A clever way to get your reader interested in your essay

-quote

-question

-story

-strong statement

Step 3

Begin the introduction portion of your outline now...

Body

- Topic Sentence
- Use 7-12 sentences
- Be direct, use strong language

Supports

Evidence, examples, facts, quotes, stats,
details, reasons, etc...

all to support your topic sentence

which supports your thesis

Add Transitions

-Firstly, secondly, thirdly

-therefore, also, in addition, likewise, not to mention, in contrast, on the other hand, in spite of, above all, with this in mind, in fact, consequently, for this reason, in that case, in essence, ultimately, for the most part, as shown above, all things considered...

Step 4

Work on the Body paragraph portion of your
OUTLINE now...

Conclusion

- Restate thesis
- Broad statement
- Put in your three big support topics

Step 5

Work on the conclusion portion of your
OUTLINE now...

Before you move on...

Check over your outline:

- Does it make sense?
- Is your argument clear?
- Do you need to reorganize the order of your supports?
- Do your support paragraphs support your thesis?

**You have finished PRE-Writing your
essay...**

Step 6 - Drafting your Essay

You will now begin writing the rough copy/first draft of your essay. Remember:

- Skip lines!
- Make sure your paragraphs are clear
- Don't forget a title (not "persuasive essay")

**You have finished Drafting your
essay...**

Step 7 - Revising your essay

- make sure your writing stays on topic
- add relevant supporting details
- delete unnecessary words or details
- look for logical order
- look for descriptive words
- rewrite sentences so that they are easy to understand
- make sure the writing is appropriate for the audience

**You have finished revising your
essay...**

Step 8 - Evaluating your essay

- ❑ reread your finished piece
- ❑ is it the best it can be?
- ❑ consider applying what was learned from feedback received from previous assignments

**You have finished evaluating your
essay...**

Step 9 - Editing

- ❑ Peer editing happens at this stage
- ❑ If your writing is messy or unclear you may want to type up your work now and have it edited on google docs (revision history)

PARENTS and TEACHERS are not editors.
You will not learn to edit this way.

**You have finished Editing your
essay...**

Step 10 - Publishing

- This is when you create your final copy of your essay.
- You will type up your essay for publishing
- You will attach all rough copies, peer editing sheets and notes and all subsequent copies made.
- I will look at your revision history if done on google