

Five Paragraph Options Worksheet

INTRODUCTION PARAGRAPH:

Contains a thesis statement w/ three (or so) points

Example: *The writing center will help you with **topic selection, organization, and mechanics**.*

FIRST POINT OF THESIS STATEMENT:

The second section/paragraph of an academic essay starts with a topic sentence that introduces the first point of our thesis statement.

Example: *The coaches in the writing center will spend time with students developing their **topic**.*

Below are points that may be covered in this paragraph or section:

a. assignment perimeters

b. available research

c. brainstorming strategies

d. student's perspective

SECOND POINT OF THESIS STATEMENT:

The third part of an essay develops the second point of the thesis statement.

Example topic sentence: *Students may seek assistance with the **organization** of their papers.*

Below are points that may be covered in this section or paragraph:

a. style/discipline considerations

b. professor's preferences

c.

THIRD POINT OF THESIS STATEMENT:

The fourth part of an essay develops the third point of the thesis statement.

Example: *The writing center helps students with the **mechanics** of writing.*

Below are points that may be covered in this paragraph or section:

a. sentence variety

b. punctuation

c. grammar

d.

CONCLUSION:

The conclusion restates the thesis statement and may call for more research or a solution to a problem or the writer's view among choices presented.

Example: *The writing center helps students with all stages of the writing process. Specifically, students have been helped selecting **topics**, **organizing** essays, and with **mechanics**, such as grammar and punctuation.*