

5 Paragraph Essay Format

Paragraph 1	(Introduction/Thesis Paragraph) Hook/Engaging beginning At least three sentences that introduce the time period/events Topic/Thesis sentence
Paragraph 2	(Explanation of first point) Point one written as a topic sentence Three or more sentences that support your point Connecting sentence that sets up next paragraph
Paragraph 3	(Explanation of second point) Point two written as a topic sentence Three or more sentences that support your point Connecting sentence that sets up next paragraph
Paragraph 4	(Explanation of third point) Point three written as a topic sentence Three or more sentences that support your point Ending sentence
Paragraph 5	(Conclusion paragraph) Restating of original topic sentence (beginning: In conclusion, Therefore, or As stated) Supporting sentences repeats your three points Conclusion/final sentence

Expository Writing Rubric

A: Excellent

- Has strong introduction and topic sentence
- Presents a strong organization with valid examples and details
- Ends with a strong summary or conclusion
- Uses standard English and spelling conventions

B: Good

- Same standards as above
- Some minor grammar and spelling errors

C: Fair

- Has a good introduction, but weak topic sentence
- Has very weak organization and use of examples
- Provides a weak conclusion or summary
- Has some serious grammar errors that interfere with understanding of topic

D: Poor

- Has a weak introduction and a very weak topic sentence
- Has very weak organization and use of examples
- Provides few examples or details
- Neglects to provide a conclusion
- Has some major grammar errors that interfere with understanding of topic

F: Unsatisfactory

- Has a very weak introduction and no topic sentence
- Has almost no organization
- Provides no examples or conclusion
- Has major grammar and spelling errors that interfere with understanding of topic
- Illegible