

5 Paragraph Essay Reminder notes

- Each paragraph has several sentences.
- All sentences start with a capital letter and end with a punctuation mark.
- The essay never uses 'I' statements. It never uses; 'I', 'me' or refers to the author.
- The essay never refers to itself. It never uses "This essay will discuss..." or "In this essay ...".
- **The introduction:**
 - It starts with a broad statement about your topic.
 - It clearly states the 3 points that will be used in the next 3 paragraphs.
 - It includes a thesis statement that lets the reader know the main point or position of the essay.
- **The body paragraphs:**
 - It often starts and / or finishes with a transition phrase.
 - Each body paragraph focuses on one of the 3 points mentioned in the introduction.
 - The phrasing of the 3 points remains unchanged if possible.
 - It adds supporting detail or information about the point.
- **The conclusion:**
 - Do not add new points in the conclusion.
 - It starts with a broad statement about your overall topic.
 - It clearly states the 3 points that will be used in the next 3 paragraphs.
 - It concludes the entire essay with a strong statement that reinforces the main point or position of the essay.
- Re-read your essay before handing it in.