

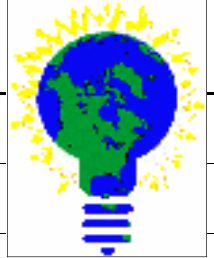
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Internet Treasure Hunt for Grade 8 (Language Arts : Writing)

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This exercise will introduce you to the fine art of essay writing; a skill that will be essential to your success in high school. You can do it!



1. In StudentLink, go to the "Grade Eight" door.
2. Select "Language Arts".
3. Click on "The Five Paragraph Essay" from the "Writing" section.
4. On your left, you will find the word "Structure". Click on it.
5. Read about the components of a five paragraph essay and answer the questions below.

a) What is the purpose of an introductory paragraph?

b) Give reasons why an introductory paragraph is important.

c) Describe the following components of an introductory paragraph and explain their purpose.

Topic: _____ Thesis: _____

Subtopic: _____



The Five Paragraph Essay

d) How many paragraphs does the body of an essay usually contain?

e) Explain what the topic sentences support. What forms are they presented in?

f) What is the function of the subtopic in each of the body paragraphs?

g) How is the final paragraph similar to the introductory paragraph? Explain its function.

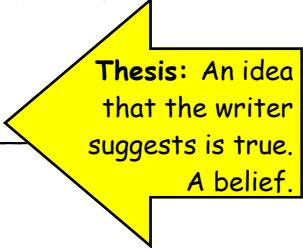




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Now **scroll** down the page and click on the last bullet titled "**The Five Paragraph Essay**", to get to the sample essay "**The Hazards of Moviegoing**". **Read** the sample.

- 1) Find the **thesis** in the essay. **Write** it down on the space below.



Thesis: An idea that the writer suggests is true. A belief.

- 2) Find the **topic sentence** in the essay. Write it down on the space below.

- 3) There are *three* **main points** in all three **body paragraphs**. **Locate** the **main points** and **record** them on the spaces provided below.

1st paragraph:

2nd paragraph:

3rd paragraph:

Use this outline below the sample essay to brainstorm a topic you might be interested in writing about for an essay of your own.

