

How to write a short essay

- Introduction
- Main Body
- Conclusion

- Or... this is what I am going to write about, this is what I am telling you and this is why what I told you is significant.

Introductory Paragraph

- Usually starts with a (kind of) general statement that sets the mood.
- Includes the **thesis statement**.
- It tells the reader what your essay is about. An essay is not about creating suspense...

Main body

- I. It is divided into paragraphs.
- II. Each paragraph usually contains one argument.
- III. The argument is usually stated in the beginning of the paragraph through the **topic sentence**.
- IV. The argument is usually supported with an example.

Two tips

- ❖ Think of possible arguments that are against your own argument and try to defend yourself.
- ❖ Don't think in linear terms!

Conclusion

- You may summarize your main arguments and explain why these arguments support your thesis.
- Give the feeling to the reader that your essay has come to an end.

Three kinds of writing

- Intellectual writing
- Authoritative writing
- Ordinary/casual writing