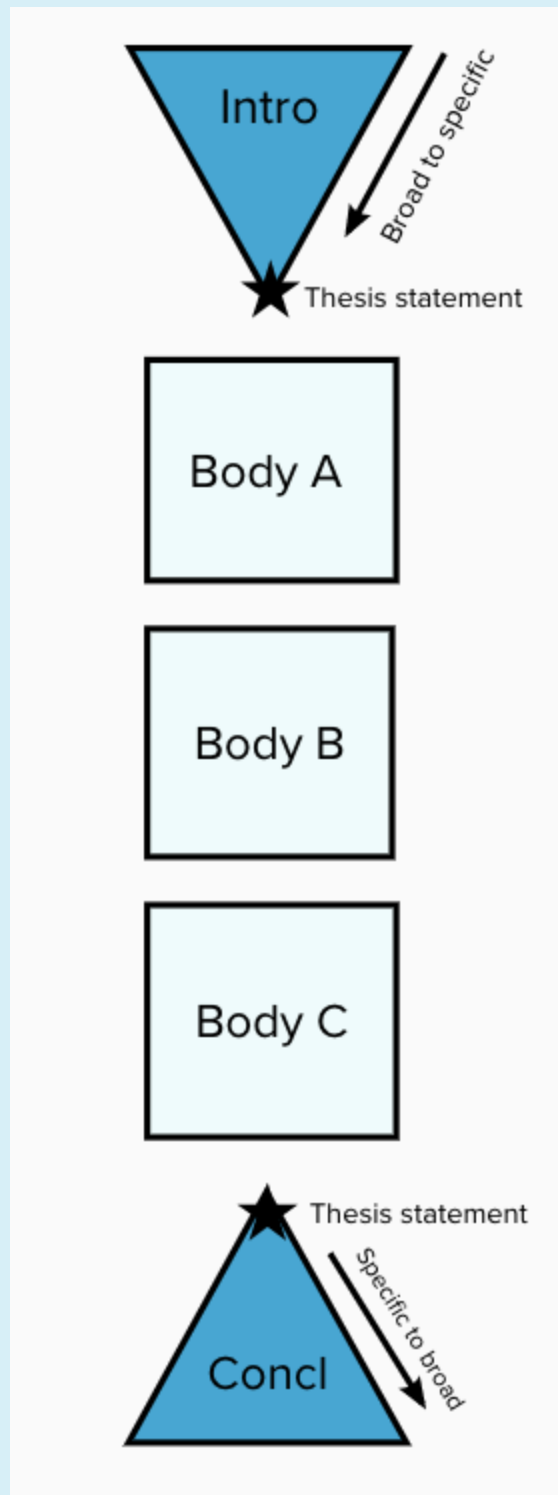


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Step 1) Thesis Statements

X is Y: Claim - *“Answer the Prompt” Must be “arguable”*

A, B & C - Points: Reason why your claim is true

Thesis Statement: **X is Y because of A, B & C**

Develop your thesis argument:

Claim:

X is Y:

Points:

A)

B)

C)

Thesis Statement: *(to be placed as the LAST sentence in your intro)*

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Step 2) SELECT Textual evidence

“Textual evidence” = **QUOTATIONS** to “prove” your points:

- Quotes should be **shorter than 3 typed lines** in your text for short essays;
- Use **signal phrases** to integrate your quotation into your text smoothly;
- Include **citations** after each quotation to avoid plagiarism;
- You will need **at least TWO quotations** to prove each “point” you are making in each paragraph.
- [See MLA Info here](#)

👉 **Select 6 quotations that support your developing thesis claim (X is Y):**
Quotations do not need to be in any particular order here.

1) Pg #_____ Quote:
Brief Summary:

2) Pg #_____ Quote:
Brief Summary:

3) Pg #_____ Quote:
Brief Summary:

4) Pg #_____ Quote:
Brief Summary:

5) Pg #_____ Quote:
Brief Summary:

6) Pg #_____ Quote:
Brief Summary:

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Step 3) Outline

- I. **Introduction** - (*Begin with author & title*)
 - a. Context/important explanation of story & plot:
 - b. Important terms/explanation re: claim:
 - c. Ends with - Thesis statement:

- II. **Point A:**
 - a. Example 1 – Quotation #
 - b. Example 2 – Quotation #

- III. **Point B:**
 - a. Example 1 – Quotation #
 - b. Example 2 – Quotation #

- IV. **Point C:**
 - a.. Example 1 – Quotation #
 - b. Example 2 – Quotation #

- V. **Conclusion** - Summarize & *So What?*

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Step 4) Writing Body Paragraphs

Body Paragraph A (and “sentence starters”):

Sentence 1: Point Sentence

X is Y because of POINT A

Sentence 2: Lead in to Example/Quote 1 (with context of story)

For example, this is shown when _____

Sentence 3: Example/Quote 1 (with signal phrase)

He says, “Q1” (citation).

Sentence 4++: Lead out of Example/Quote 1 (with analysis of the quote)

This is significant because (X is Y...)

Sentence 5: Lead in to Example/Quote 2 (with context of story)

Another example of this _____ in the text is when _____

Sentence 6: Example/Quote 2 (with signal phrase)

He says, “Q2” (citation).

Sentence 7++: Lead out of Example/Quote 2 (with analysis of the quote)

This is significant because (X is Y...)

Sentence 8: Conclude/summarize the X is Y Point

As these moments in the text indicate, X is Y because of POINT A

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Body Paragraph B (and “sentence starters”):

Sentence 1: Point Sentence

X is Y because of POINT B

Sentence 2: Lead in to Example/Quote 1 (with context of story)

For example, this is shown when_____

Sentence 3: Example/Quote 1 (with signal phrase)

He says, “Q1” (citation).

Sentence 4++: Lead out of Example/Quote 1 (with analysis of the quote)

This is significant because (X is Y...)

Sentence 5: Lead in to Example/Quote 2 (with context of story)

Another example of this _____ in the text is when_____

Sentence 6: Example/Quote 2 (with signal phrase)

He says, “Q2” (citation).

Sentence 7++: Lead out of Example/Quote 2 (with analysis of the quote)

This is significant because (X is Y...)

Sentence 8: Conclude/summarize the X is Y Point

As these moments in the text indicate, X is Y because of POINT B

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Body Paragraph C (and “sentence starters”):

Sentence 1: Point Sentence

X is Y because of POINT C

Sentence 2: Lead in to Example/Quote 1 (with context of story)

For example, this is shown when_____

Sentence 3: Example/Quote 1 (with signal phrase)

He says, “Q1” (citation).

Sentence 4++: Lead out of Example/Quote 1 (with analysis of the quote)

This is significant because (X is Y...)

Sentence 5: Lead in to Example/Quote 2 (with context of story)

Another example of this _____ in the text is when_____

Sentence 6: Example/Quote 2 (with signal phrase)

He says, “Q2” (citation).

Sentence 7++: Lead out of Example/Quote 2 (with analysis of the quote)

This is significant because (X is Y...)

Sentence 8: Conclude/summarize the X is Y Point

As these moments in the text indicate, X is Y because of POINT C

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BEGIN ROUGH DRAFT HERE:

MLA Heading Here

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Title