

Expository Essay Template

Introduction Paragraph

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| Hook: <i>-startling info. or -quotation or -statistics or -all commentary</i> | |
| Background information: <i>What your reader needs to know about the topic</i> | |
| Thesis: <i>the umbrella statement for the whole essay – what you will prove</i> | <i>Topic (answer to the question) + CM that applies to all CDs in the essay</i> |

Conclusion Paragraph

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| No repeats | |
| All Commentary | |
| Gives a finished feeling to your essay | |

Body Paragraph (use one of these for each paragraph)

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| TS | <i>Topic + CM that applies to all CDs in the paragraph</i> |
| CD | <i>Fact/what/example/illustration/quotation/plot detail/paraphrase/evidence/support/reference/citation/plot summary/what happens</i> |
| CM | <i>So what/why/analysis/interpretation/evaluation/feelings/opinion/inference/insight/significance/reasons/why the CD above is important</i> |
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| CS | <i>A finished feeling for the paragraph; no repeats; all CM</i> |