

Friday, August 10th

1. Turn in **book covers, letters,** and **signed syllabus** pages
 - a. Next week we are starting bellwork
2. Parts of an essay lesson/notes
3. Introduction paragraph activity

Parts of an Essay

Major Components, Purpose, and Formatting



What is an essay?

An essay is a short piece of writing on a particular topic.

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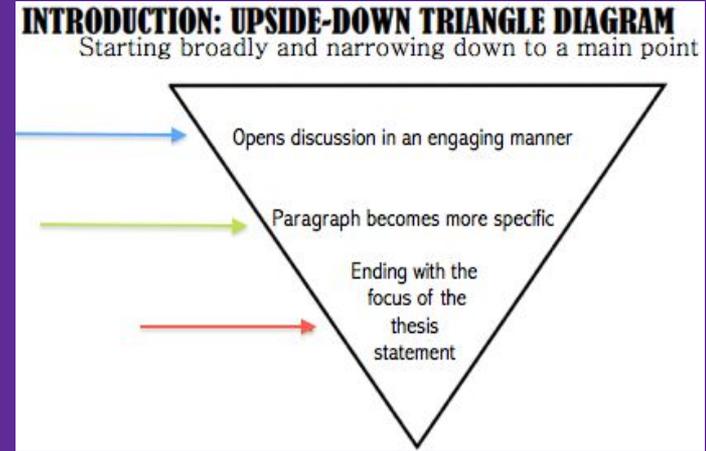
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- Narrative - a well-structured story with a plot
- Explanatory/Informative (Expository) - Clearly explains complex ideas, concepts, and/or information
- Argumentative - Supports/proves an argument (thesis) with precise claims, evidence, and analysis

Introduction

- Capture the reader's attention (hook), and keep their attention through the use of interesting, unique, or creative words and ideas.
- Provide general background about the topic of your essay (often a piece of literature).
- Start narrowing in on your topic - bridge the background information to the specific topic of your essay.
- Thesis - Clearly worded answer to a question or a declaration of your views; state your argument or what you plan to prove in your essay.



Body Paragraphs

- Body paragraphs should support and help develop your thesis; these paragraphs should continuously remind readers of the thesis without directly repeating it.
- Each body paragraph should have a specific focus and be organized in a logical manner.
- Number of body paragraphs vary based on:
 - Teacher's instructions
 - Complexity of the issue/idea
 - The ideas that you develop

Parts of a Body Paragraph

- Claim/Topic Sentence - Introduces an idea that supports your thesis; becomes topic of the paragraph
- Background/Context + Evidence - Set the scene for your reader; include who/what/where/when; then provide your evidence (usually quotes; sometimes specific examples)
- Analysis/Commentary - Explain how your evidence supports the claim you are making in this paragraph; NOT SUMMARY/PARAPHRASE; your own interpretation/ideas - MOST IMPORTANT
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- Analysis/Commentary - Explain how your evidence supports the claim you are making in this paragraph
- Reiterate/Concluding Sentence - Remind readers of the paragraph's relevance to your thesis

Conclusion

- The conclusion should remind readers of the thesis WITHOUT REPEATING IT.
- Refer to the main points that you made in your essay.
- The conclusion should provide insight that deepens or intensifies the significance of your essay
 - Answer the questions, “Why does this matter? So what?”
 - Aim for a universal/global idea that applies to the wider world
- General tips for conclusions:
 - Avoid cliches such as “Absence makes the heart grow fonder.”
 - No quotes/new evidence
 - Leave readers pondering additional thoughts or with a heightened sense of awareness

Your turn! Let's practice organizing an introduction

Essay prompt: What is the most important message or theme in the film *Finding Nemo*?



CHECK YOUR WORK!

One of the most challenging parts of adolescence is learning how to maintain a balanced, respectful relationship with one's parents while developing a sense of independence. The 2003 Disney film, *Finding Nemo*, is a popular children's movie that appeals to children and parents alike, due to its representation of a challenging relationship between a parent and a child. *Finding Nemo* is a tale of an adventurous young clownfish, Nemo, who ends up in an aquarium after neglecting to listen to his protective father. His father, Marlin, meets a forgetful fish named Dory, and the two embark on a treacherous journey through the sea in order to reunite with Nemo. Nemo's independent spirit clashes with his father's overprotective ways; however, their feud becomes insignificant once they are separated and fear never seeing each other again. Throughout the film, the most important message that shines through is the complicated relationship between a father and his growing son.