

INTRODUCTION: ABTATO (6-10 Sentences)

Grab Attention,

Give Background Info (about author(s), work(s), time period, etc.),

Give Title of work(s) you will be writing about,

Give Author of work(s) you will be writing about,

State Thesis, and

Give an Organizational pattern/preview for your essay.

-You may skip Title, Author and just use ABTO if the writing is not about a text.

-On Standardized Tests, you may skip Attention, Background if low on time.

BODY PARAGRAPHS: PETES (10-15 Sentences Each)

Make your Point,

Explain it fully,

Back it up with Text or example, and

Elaborate on how the text fits your Point and supports Thesis.

(Each body paragraph should have a PETE, so a five-paragraph essay will have three PETEs. The P, E, T, and E in each body paragraph can happen out of order, be blended, and/or be repeated. Use transitions to show relationships throughout.)

CONCLUSION: TOO (5-10 Sentences)

Restate Thesis,

Give Overview of your main points, and

Give Otlook--tie to a whole or give your own opinion without "I think/believe."

TRANSITIONS: These can be used between the intro and body, between body points/paragraphs, and between the body and conclusion.