

How to Write a 5 Paragraph Essay

Step 1 Write Down Your Topic:

Step 2: Develop Your Thesis:

Step 3 Brainstorm Your Ideas: (a mind map on back of this sheet)

Step 4 Organize Your Ideas:

→ My three main points are:

A. _____

B. _____

C. _____

→ My three main points each have three sub points (details / connections):

A. _____

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

B. _____

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

C. _____

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Step 5 Write your essay.

Step 6 Edit your essay.

Step 7 Reflect on 2 strengths and 2 areas to focus on.

Brainstorming Your Thesis

1. Write your thesis in the circle.
2. Branch off from the circle and write down everything you can think about your thesis (arguments for & against, connections: personal, universal, historical, current, literary, movies, etc.)
3. When done, go to **Step 4**.

