

## *Five Paragraph Essay Graphic Organizer*

### **I. Opening paragraph**

#### 1. Introductory sentence

*In the article/book/movie, "Title" the author discusses* \_\_\_\_\_

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#### 2. Thesis Statement

The purpose of this essay is to discuss [the three things that you will discuss]

A. \_\_\_\_\_

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B. \_\_\_\_\_

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C. \_\_\_\_\_

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### **II. Second paragraph**

1. The first topic that will be discussed is (A) \_\_\_\_\_

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2. Give a concrete detail (fact) \_\_\_\_\_

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3. Give a comment detail (explain the fact) \_\_\_\_\_

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4. Give a concluding sentence \_\_\_\_\_

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### **III. Third paragraph**

1. The second topic that will be discussed is (B) \_\_\_\_\_

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2. Give a concrete detail (fact) \_\_\_\_\_

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3. Give a comment detail (explain the fact) \_\_\_\_\_

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4. Give a concluding sentence \_\_\_\_\_

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#### IV. Fourth paragraph

1. The final topic that will be discussed is (C) \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. Give a concrete detail (fact) \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. Give a comment detail (explain the fact) \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. Give a concluding sentence \_\_\_\_\_  
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#### V. Conclusion paragraph

1. Introductory sentence *restates the idea from the thesis* in different words  
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2. Summarize key points (What did you write about that was important?)
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. \_\_\_\_\_
3. Final concluding statement (clincher)  
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#### **Transitions**

Use transition words and phrases to connect each new paragraph to the previous paragraph.  
Sample transition words include:

**to begin with; moreover; in fact; on the whole; furthermore; as a result; for this reason; similarly; likewise; it follows that; naturally; by comparison; in addition; in contrast; in conclusion**

#### **Review and Revise**

Once you complete the first draft of your essay, it is a good idea to review your thesis statement, then read your essay to see if it flows well. You might find that the supporting paragraphs are strong, but they do not address the exact focus of your thesis. Simply rewrite your thesis statement to fit your essay's body more accurately. By doing this, you will ensure that every sentence in your essay supports, proves, or reflects your thesis.