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## The Five Paragraph Essay (Also called the 1-3-1)

### PARAGRAPH 1: Introduction (at least 3 sentences)

Start with a sentence or two that gives general information about your topic.

Then write your thesis statement, which should state the main idea of the essay. Included in the thesis statement will be the three examples you are going to write about.

### PARAGRAPH 2: Body (4 to 7 sentences)

Write about the first example stated in your thesis statement and give details.

### PARAGRAPH 3: Body (4 to 7 sentences)

Write about the second example stated in your thesis statement and give details.

### PARAGRAPH 4: Body (4 to 7 sentences)

Write about the third example stated in your thesis statement and give details.

### PARAGRAPH 5: Conclusion (3 to 5 sentences)

Restate your thesis in different words and include the three points you've used to prove your thesis. Then write a few sentences to "sum it up" and give it an ending.

Transition Words: first, second, finally, next, etc.