

Essay Format Template

Introduction:

Engaging opening sentence or hook

Background/context related to the topic

Thesis statement that presents the main argument or purpose of the essay

Body Paragraphs:

Each paragraph focuses on a specific point or subtopic related to the thesis statement

Topic sentence that introduces the main idea of the paragraph

Supporting evidence, examples, or data to strengthen the argument

Analysis and interpretation of the evidence

Clear and logical transitions between paragraphs

Counterarguments and Refutation (optional):

Address potential counterarguments or alternative perspectives

Present counterarguments objectively and accurately

Refute or undermine counterarguments with counter-evidence or logical reasoning

Show the strengths and weaknesses of the counterarguments

Conclusion:

Summarize the main points discussed in the body paragraphs

Restate the thesis statement in a rephrased manner, reinforcing the main argument

Provide a concluding statement that emphasizes the significance or implications of the topic

Thought-provoking or memorable closing sentence

References:

Include a list of all the sources cited in the essay using the appropriate citation style (e.g., APA, MLA)

Follow the guidelines of the citation style consistently

Formatting:

Follow the university's guidelines regarding font size, margins, line spacing, and any other specific formatting requirements

Proofread the essay for grammar, spelling, and punctuation errors before submission