**Components of a Well-Written Essay**

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| **Introduction**(“The Head” / “Top Bun”)* Very general **summary/overview** of what you will write about in your essay.
* Contains the **thesis statement/central idea/hypothesis/claim** of your essay, which is the **main idea** of your whole essay.
* Often has an **attention-grabbing sentence/hook** as the first sentence, which draws the reader in and makes the reader want to read MORE. It often has a quote, asks a question, and/or is very interesting.
* Has **no or** **very few details** and examples.
* Sometimes gives a **background** (history) of the topic and/or a different opinion.
* Can **list all the topic sentences** (partial or full)of all body paragraphs (optional).
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| **Body Paragraph #1**(**“**The Meat”)* Gives all the important information of the essay (the “meat”).
* Has a **topic sentence** that states the main idea (usually the first/second sentence).
* Has **supporting sentences** including **details and examples** that explain and support the topic sentence.
* All of the sentences are about **only one topic** (the topic sentence).
* Can contain a **concluding sentence** that closes and summarizes the paragraph.
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| **Body Paragraph #2**(“The Meat”)* Same as Body Paragraph #1 but about a **different topic**. . .
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| **Body Paragraph #3**(“The Meat”)* Same as Body Paragraph #1 but about a **different topic**. . .
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| **Conclusion**(“The Feet” / “The Bottom Bun”)* **Restates** the **thesis statement/central-main idea/hypothesis/claim** in different words.
* More specific **summary/overview** of what you just wrote about, “wraps things up” in **different words** than the introduction.
* Has **no or** **very few details** and examples (just like the introduction).
* Includes general **final comments, suggestions, opinions,** and/**or predictions.**
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