



# WRITING THE ESSAY: Developing the Body Paragraphs



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The  
Five  
Paragraph  
Juneteenth  
Essay



# The Introduction



Main  
point  
#1

Main  
point  
#2

Main  
point  
#3

THESIS





★ REMEMBER ★

1. Your introduction contains your thesis (your main idea).
2. Your introduction includes general statements about what your three main points will be in the Body Paragraphs that follow.

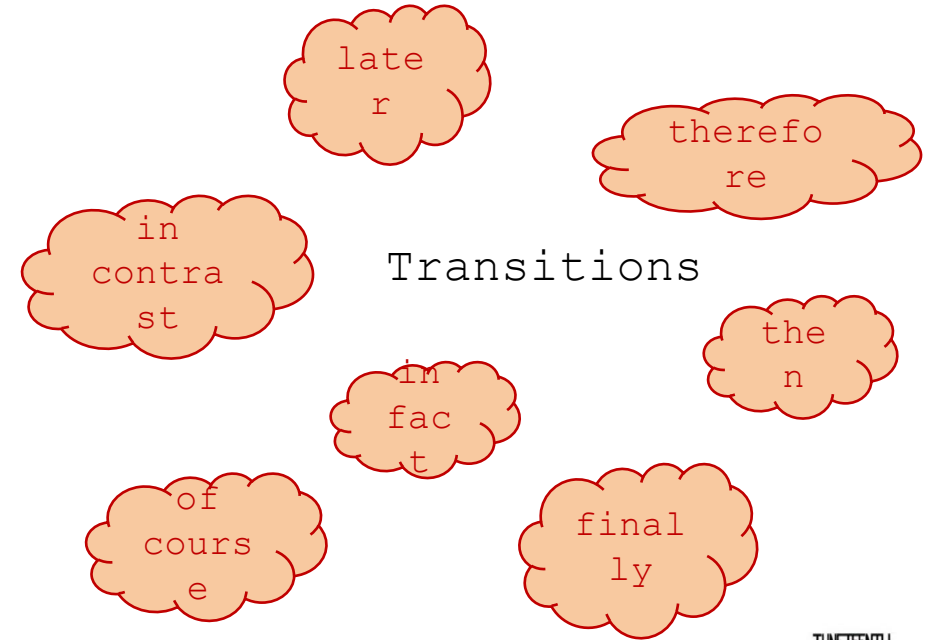
# The Body Paragraphs

Topic sentence → Main idea

Main idea



Specific details



# ★ REMEMBER ★

1. Write about only one main idea per paragraph.
2. Turn the main ideas from your introduction into the topic sentences for your body paragraphs.
3. Support the topic sentences (the main ideas you mentioned in the introduction) with specific details in the body paragraphs.
4. Connect the body paragraphs to each other using transitions.
5. Use these resources to increase your understanding and improve your writing:
  - Five-Paragraph Essay Handout that summarizes the parts of the essay  
[https://www.pvcc.edu/sites/default/files/media/five\\_paragraph\\_essay.pdf](https://www.pvcc.edu/sites/default/files/media/five_paragraph_essay.pdf)
  - Outline for a Five-Paragraph Essay from Bucks County Community College  
[https://www.bucks.edu/media/bcccmedialibrary/pdf/FiveParagraphEssayOutlineJuly08\\_000.pdf](https://www.bucks.edu/media/bcccmedialibrary/pdf/FiveParagraphEssayOutlineJuly08_000.pdf)
  - Transition Words and Phrases.  
<https://www.readingrockets.org/content/pdfs/transition%20words.pdf>

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writing!

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