



# WRITING THE ESSAY: Preparing to Write

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The  
Five  
Paragraph  
Juneteenth  
Essay



# Resources for how to write your essay

- Writing a Five-Paragraph Essay (from Berkshire Middle School) <https://youtu.be/tim9oNx1clU>
- Writing Ninjas: How to Write a Five-Paragraph Essay <https://youtu.be/5uSJEiNZ1rE>
- How to Write an Informative Essay. [https://youtu.be/hS8\\_JhI7Q](https://youtu.be/hS8_JhI7Q) (Terrebonne Parish Library librarian gives short complete instruction in 15 minutes, discussion of evaluating sources)
- Accompanying blog <https://mytpl.org/project/how-to-write-an-informative-five-paragraph-essay/>
- A complete and comprehensive process and content description for writing effective essays can be found at the Monroe College library website:  
<https://monroecollege.libguides.com/c.php?g=589208&p=4072926#s-lg-box-wrapper-19262870>

# The Thesis Statement



1. Appears in the Introduction

2. Expresses your main idea or argument



3. Is reinforced in the Body Paragraphs that follow

4. Is restated in the Conclusion

# The Introduction



Main  
point  
#1

Main  
point  
#2

Main  
point  
#3

THESIS





# ★ REMEMBER ★

Your introduction

1. Contains your thesis (your main idea).
2. Includes general statements about what your three main points will be in the Body Paragraphs that follow.

Your essay must have at least five paragraphs, but it can have more as long as you keep to your word limit. (See details for your level.)

Thank you for using this  
resource!

We wish you success with  
your Juneteenth Essay  
writing!

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or contact PEERS (Progressive Empowerment Resource Services)  
at [education@LansingJuneteenthCelebration.org](mailto:education@LansingJuneteenthCelebration.org) and a member  
of the committee will get back to you.

