Essay Structure

Introduction
- 10%-30% of essay
- One paragraph
- Gives reader info they need to read essay
- Route map to essay

Introduction may:
- Explain how you interpret the question and define any terms
- Identify issues you will explore
- Outline how you will deal with each issue, in what order and the sources you will use to support this
- Brief statement what you hope to find

REMEMBER
It’s an introduction to the essay, NOT the whole subject!

1st paragraph
1st sentence: Opens or introduces main idea of paragraph
Next sentences: Develops idea with: examples, details, evidence, quotes, references
Last sentences: Closes and/or links to next paragraph

2nd paragraph
Opening sentences: Links to last paragraph. Introduces main idea
Next sentences: Develops idea as 1st paragraph
Last sentence(s): Closes and/or links to next paragraph

ALL Middle paragraphs
Use WEED! WHAT about?
EVIDENCE
EXAMPLE?
DO ask yourself SO
WHAT? What does your evidence show?
Make a comment here (discussion, analysis, interpretation, or critique) - a mini conclusion

Conclusion
- NO new information
- About 10% of essay
- One paragraph

Conclusion
- Summarise main argument and themes, include main findings
- State general conclusion
- Say why your conclusions are significant
- May link to future or implications
- Last sentence should link to title

Bibliography / References