

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 thing you said you would do...

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
Next thing you said you would do...

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

Next paragraphs
Other things you said you would do...

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