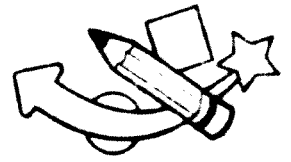


Five-Paragraph Essay



Main Idea, Introductory and Thesis Paragraph

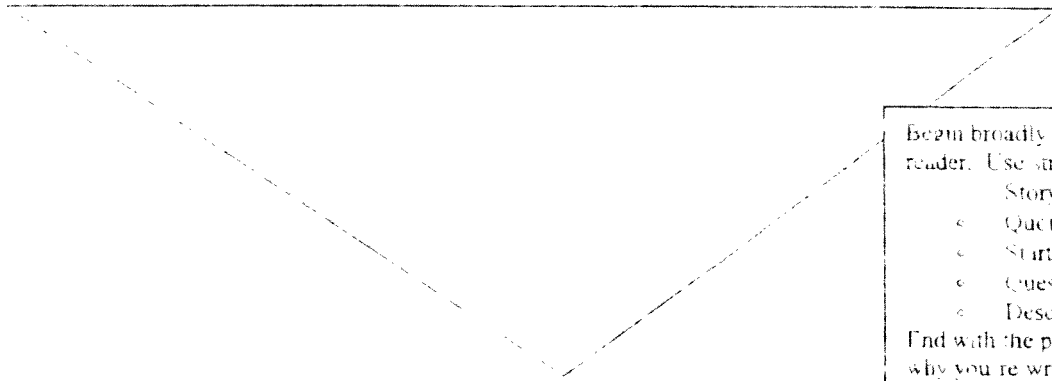
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Summary/Conclusion

Writing an effective persuasive essay



Begin broadly to engage your reader. Use strategies such as:

- Story or anecdote
- Quote
- Starting statistic
- Question(s)
- Description, etc.

End with the point of the piece, why you're writing and what you want from the reader.

transition

Reason or point one



Reason or point two

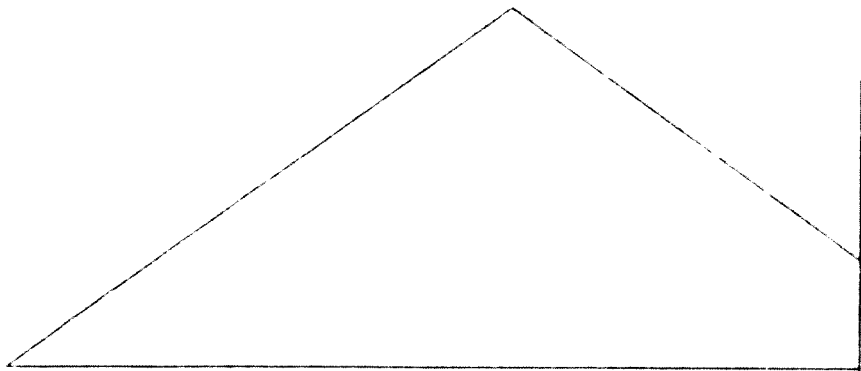
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Reason or point three

Each body paragraph should begin with the reason or point you're making, along with support for that point. Support can take the form of:

- Contrasts, comparisons
- Embedded stories or examples from your own lives, experiences
- Facts the reader needs to know
- Statistics that support your viewpoint
- The history of the incident that led up to you want to get done
- Quotes from folks involved in the situation
- Descriptions that help to pull the reader to your point of view
- Comparisons, contrasts, analogies
- Scenarios of what might result if the problem isn't attended to



Begin with a restatement of the point you're making or what you want the reader to do. Broaden out and conclude by:

- Finding a solution
- Summarizing your points
- Ending with a quote
- Leaving the reader with a challenge or something to think about
- Projecting the future
- Answering the question you began with or somehow going back to how you began