



Essay Writing: Tips

- **Always maintain the same structure** for a strong essay
 - **Strong, capturing Introduction**
 - Your introduction is **very important** to a good essay. If written correctly, it will help guide you through the body paragraphs when you get stuck. In the intro, you hook the audience in, let them know briefly what they'll be reading in the essay, and tell them your argument or what you are trying to show them.
 - **Hook:**
 - The hook is in the **beginning of the introduction** paragraph and it makes the reader want to keep reading.
 - It is **1-2 sentences long**
 - Some possible hooks are:
 - An **interesting question** that will intrigue the reader
 - A **strong statement** or declaration that will leave the reader wanting to know why you believe that
 - A **shocking fact or statistic**
 - An **interesting quote**, taken from the book your essay is on or something that is relevant to your essay and argument. This can't just be a random quote, it has to be an important one.
 - **Interesting Body Paragraphs**
 - **Keep the reader interested** in your story. Sometimes people have great Introductions then boring Body Paragraphs which lead the reader to stop reading your essay.
 - Keep it interesting by **staying on-point** (on-topic) and **adding some figurative language** like metaphors, imagery, and personification.
 - **Strong, to-the-point Conclusion**



- Keep it **brief, relevant, yet still interesting**
- Make sure to have a **smooth transition** from the topics of your body paragraphs to your closing