

## Painted Essay™

Introduction

- Catches the reader's attention
- Gives some background context

Claim

Reason #1 that supports claim

Reason #2 that supports claim

Reason #1 that supports your claim.  
Relevant evidence that supports the reasoning.  
Use words, phrases, and clauses to create cohesion and clarify relationships among claim, counterclaim(s), reason, and evidence.

Transition from Reason #1 to Reason #2

Reason #2 that supports your claim.  
Relevant evidence that supports the reasoning.  
Use words, phrases, and clauses to create cohesion and clarify relationships among claim, counterclaim(s), reason, and evidence.

Rephrase the claim to start the conclusion.  
Concluding paragraph follows from and supports the argument presented.

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