

## Components of a Good Paper:

Introduction: Tell your audience what you're going to tell them.

1. Attention getter- rhetorical question, anecdote, startling fact, statistic, relevant quote or poem.
2. Bridge- connects the attention getter to the thesis
3. Thesis – your entire paper hinges on this sentence. Every point in your paper should support your thesis statement.

Body: Tell them.

This is the meat of your paper. Each paragraph in your body should support your thesis and will be made up of:

1. Topic sentence- your entire paragraph is about this.
2. Quote or paraphrase that supports your topic sentence (this should be cited)
3. Analysis- this part is your thoughts explaining how the quote or paraphrase connects to the topic sentence. Your elaboration in this part is what makes your paper different than anyone else's.
4. Transition into the next body paragraph.

Conclusion: Tell them what you told them.

1. Thesis statement reworded
2. Review of major points
3. Final thought or call to action

Formatting: MLA

1. Heading on top left- your name, teacher name, class, date due
2. Page numbers with your last name
3. Double spaced, Times New Roman, 12pt font
4. Title of paper

Works Cited Page: All sources used in your paper should be cited in MLA format on the Works Cited Page

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