

## WHAT SHOULD AN ESSAY LOOK LIKE?

Your reader likes to know where they are going, and how the ideas fit together.

Works from the general to specific

Outside to inside

Big to small

Use paragraphs to structure your work

Use topic sentences to open your paragraphs

These are the rules of thumb- for guidance not strict adherence- you have to choose how you will use your subject matter to make your argument.

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### **Introduction**

(6-20%)

- <sup>3</sup> Start with a general sentence place your argument in the wider picture
- <sup>3</sup> Interpretation of question - + why this approach might be useful
- <sup>3</sup> State your case thesis statement
- <sup>3</sup> Define/ classify key concepts
- <sup>3</sup> Sets out a map of your answer
- <sup>3</sup> Entices the reader to read on

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- 3 Find a logical way of leading your reader through the points that you make so that your conclusion is plausible and convincing.

Think about the pattern your argument will take:

**Chronological**

**Linear**

**Cyclical processes:** consider: your focus why are you writing this, what is the relevance and salience of each part of the cycle to your argument? Start and finish with the most important.

**Compare and Contrast**

**Idea 1**

Point 1

Point 2

Point 3

Point 4

**Idea 2**

Point 1

Point 2

Point 3

Point 4

OR

**Idea 1**

Point 1

Point 2

Point 3

Point 4

**Idea 2**

Point 1

Point 2

Point 3

Point 4



