

Pedagogish Infobase

Organizing Your Essay

Every story needs a beginning, middle, and end. That's true for most writing assignments too, although we call them the introduction, body, and conclusion. Here's a brief look at the work each part of your essay needs to do.

1. Introduction

- a. Identify your topic
- b. State your thesis (main claim)
- c. List your supporting claims

2. Body

- a. Make claims that advance your argument
- b. Support your claims with evidence
- c. Cite the sources of your evidence properly

3. Conclusion

- a. Restate your thesis
- b. Briefly summarize your argument
- c. State an implication (this is a TOUGH one)

The **Pedagogish Infobase** includes many other Infosheets that can help you with your writing assignment.

If you want more information on organizing your paper, you might want to try:

Infosheet #2, Planning Your Introduction

Infosheet #3, Planning the Body of Your Paper

Infosheet #4, Planning Your Conclusion