

Introductory Paragraph

**Start generally (broad statement, question, NO DIRECT ADDRESS).
End with your THESIS.**

Paragraph 2

↓ Reason 1

Quote 1.1 (don't forget your transitions!)

Explanation

Significance

Quote 1.2 (don't forget your transitions!)

Explanation

Significance

Quote 1.3 (don't forget your transitions!)

Explanation

Significance

↑ Concluding Sentence (review and/or transition forward)

Paragraph 3

↓ Reason 2

Quote 2.1 (don't forget your transitions!)

Explanation

Significance

Quote 2.2 (don't forget your transitions!)

Explanation

Significance

Quote 2.3 (don't forget your transitions!)

Explanation

Significance

↕ Concluding Sentence (review and/or transition forward)

Paragraph 4

↓ Reason 3

Quote 3.1 (don't forget your transitions!)

Explanation

Significance

Quote 3.2 (don't forget your transitions!)

Explanation

Significance

Quote 3.3 (don't forget your transitions!)

Explanation

Significance

↕ Concluding Sentence (review and/or transition forward)

Concluding Paragraph

- **Review your reasons and refer back to your THESIS.**
- **Move gradually from the specific to the general**
(importance of the project, importance of history, surprises, joys, disappointments)
- **Finish with the big lesson and a thought for the future.**