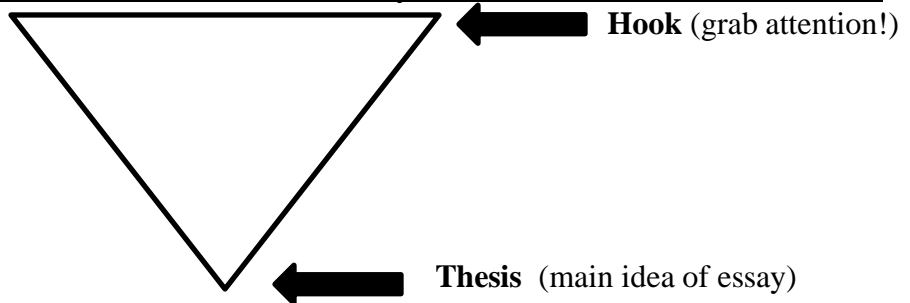
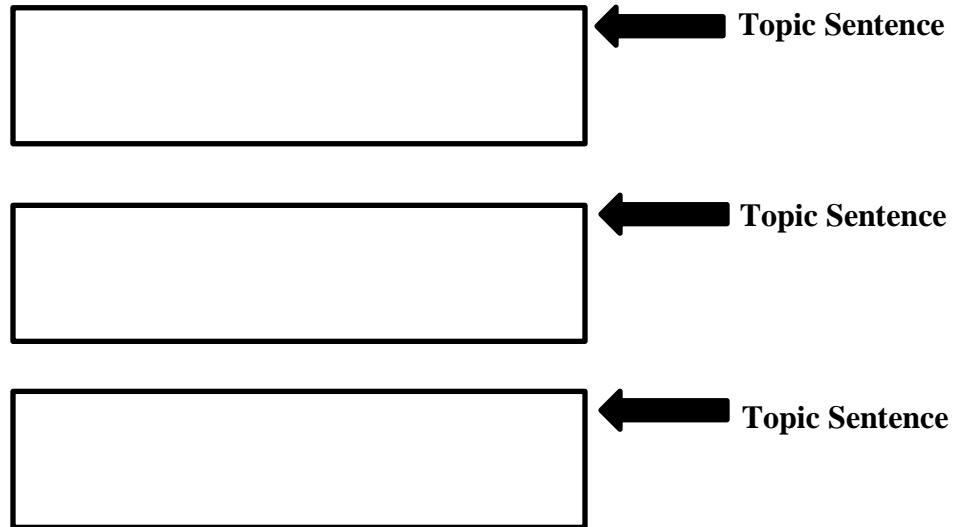


Structure of an Essay

Introduction Paragraph: Starts general with a hook statement to grab readers' attention. Gradually introduces essay topic and narrows to a specific **thesis** statement as the last sentence. If writing about literature, use this paragraph to introduce names of the work(s) and author(s). **Thesis** statement states the main idea or claim of the essay and is the intro's **last sentence**.



Body Paragraphs: Three or more body paragraphs provide examples to support **thesis** statement. If writing about literature, use quotations/facts as detailed examples. All body paragraphs start with a topic sentence which clearly states the main idea of the paragraph.



Conclusion Paragraph: Starts specific and then gets general. First sentence is a reworded restatement of your **thesis**. Middle sentences summarize main **body paragraph** points (think of this as one sentence summaries of each body paragraph). Last sentence concludes essay and makes reader ponder more about your topic. Do not introduce any new information in your conclusion that wasn't mentioned in your essay!

