

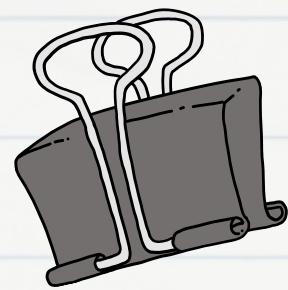
# Writing Skills

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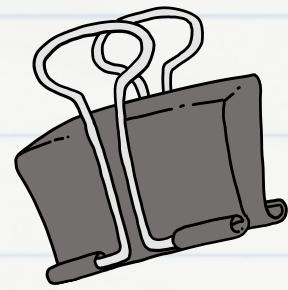
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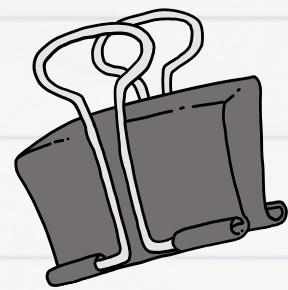
- An essay is a piece of writing that is written to convince someone of something or to simply inform the reader about a particular topic.
- In order for the reader to be convinced or adequately informed, the essay must include several important components to make it flow in a logical way.
- The main parts (or sections) to an essay are the introduction, body, and conclusion.
- In a standard short essay, five paragraphs can provide the reader with enough information in a short amount of space.



# Parts of an Essay

## Introduction

- Provide some background information about your topic.
- You can use interesting facts, rhetorical question, quotations, or definitions of important terms you will use later in the essay
- Ensure that the introduction moves from the general to the specific in regards to the topic.
- Provides the reader with a “road map” of the essay in a logical order.

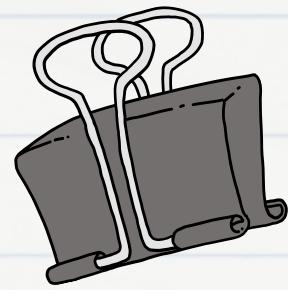


# Parts of an Essay

Imagine yourself five years from now, and describe your lifestyle and achievements. You may wish to explain what goals you have and what obstacles you may need to overcome.

**FACT** - The human spirit possesses capacity for growth and transformation.

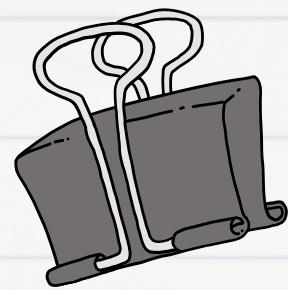
**RHETORICAL QUESTION** - What milestones will mark my path, and what stories will my achievements tell?



# Parts of an Essay

## Introduction

- At the end there should be what is called a thesis statement, the most important component of the introduction.
- The thesis statement states the aim of the paper.

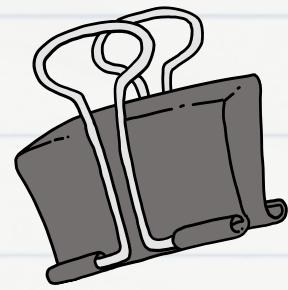


# Parts of an Essay

## Introduction

## Thesis Statement

- It is usually a single sentence at the end of your first paragraph that presents your argument to the reader.
- The rest of the paper, the body of the essay, gathers and organizes evidence that will persuade the reader of the logic of your interpretation.



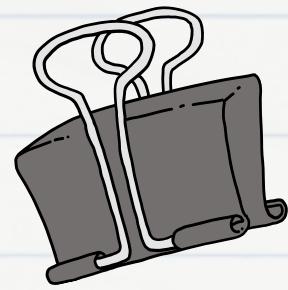
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## Do's

- Know your essay’s type.
- Make a statement.
- Make a debatable claim.
- Be specific



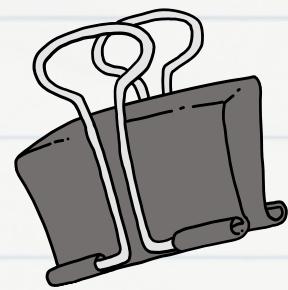
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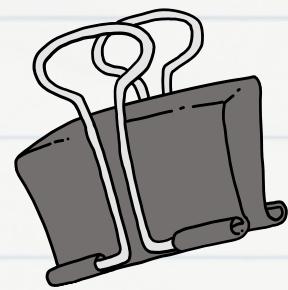
## Don’ts

- Announce the thesis, e.g. “This paper will discuss....”
- Announce yourself, e.g. “I am going to prove that....”



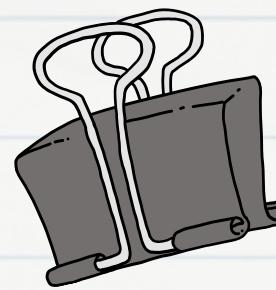
# Parts of an Essay – Thesis Statement

Your history professor assigns a five page paper in which you must analyze why the North and South fought the Civil War. What would a good thesis statement look like? Rate these thesis statements as Bad, Better and Good.



# Parts of an Essay – Thesis Statement

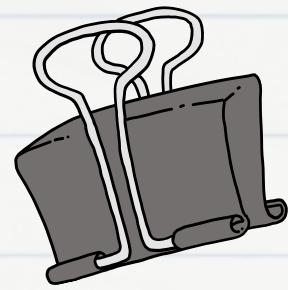
- The North and South fought the Civil War for many reasons.
- While both Northerners and Southerners believed they fought against domination and oppression, Northerners focused on the oppression of slaves while Southerners defended their own right to self-government.
- While both sides fought the Civil War over the issue of slavery, the North fought for moral reasons while the South fought to preserve the practice of slavery.



# Parts of an Essay - Thesis Statement

**BAD** - The North and South fought the Civil War for many reasons. **(This statement is too general and simply rephrases the prompt. It does not answer how or why their reasons differed).**

**BETTER** - While both sides fought the Civil War over the issue of slavery, the North fought for moral reasons while the South fought to preserve the practice of slavery.. **(This sentence offers a more specific and debatable answer. However, it is still too broad and insupportable. You cannot defend a claim of morality in a five pages, and good research would probably not lead you to this conclusion).**



# Parts of an Essay – Thesis Statement

**GOOD** - While both Northerners and Southerners believed they fought against domination and oppression, Northerners focused on the oppression of slaves while Southerners defended their own right to self-government (**This statement is specific, clear and thoughtful. Though some might disagree with your stance, your readers will know what to expect in your paper. Now it's up to you to defend your thesis with good evidence and persuasive writing**).

**Some of the topic sentences below do not support the thesis statement. Identify these sentences.**

**My best friend is an extremely sensitive and thoughtful person.**

**My friend cares for her parents more than all her siblings do, and makes sure that she does all she can to make their lives happy and comfortable.**

**She has lovely light brown hair that glows in the sun.**

**She has immense sympathy for animals and keeps picking up injured stray cats and dogs off the streets.**

**Her friends adore her for she is always there for them whenever they need her.**

**She loves to cook and have people invited to her place to eat the food she cooks.**

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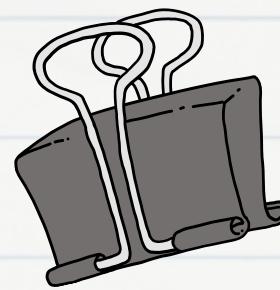


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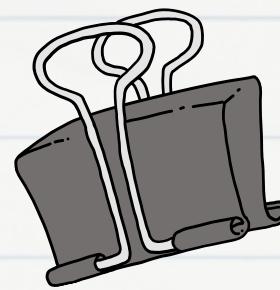
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# Parts of an Essay – Introduction

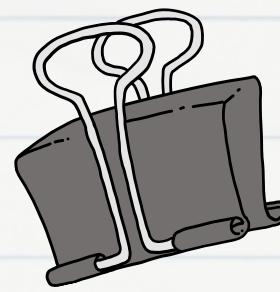
The city of Karachi constitutes the southern cost of Pakistan on the Arabian Sea. One of the largest cities on the globe today, there was a time - about three hundred years ago - when Karachi was a small village called 'Mai Kolachi'. It was largely inhabited by a community of fishermen. Later on, it became a town where lived a handful of noble families, a few businessmen and some fishermen. Moreover, at that time, it was one of the cleanest cities in Asia where the roads and streets were washed every day. Today, Karachi is a melting pot of socio-economic classes.



# Parts of an Essay

## Body Paragraphs

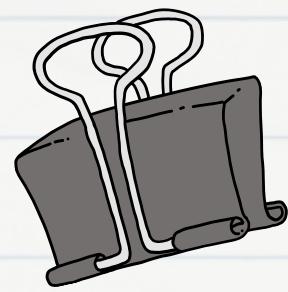
- Includes the evidence and support of the paper.
- Paragraphs must include a topic sentence which relates the discussion back to the thesis statement
- Logical ordering of ideas.
- Ensure that transition signals are present to create a good flow to the essay.
- Include examples and evidence to support your argument/information.
- Make sure each example is relevant to your particular topic.



# Parts of an Essay – Body Paragraphs

## Body Paragraph 1

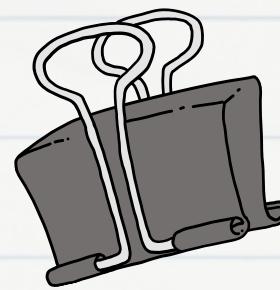
Being a port and an industrial city, Karachi attracts people from all over the country. People from both urban as well as rural centers quit their places of birth to come to live in Karachi and find their fortune. People from villages move towards Karachi where they find better and fruitful opportunities. For example, most bus drivers in Karachi are men who have migrated from the different provinces. Others are tandoor-owners, cobblers, watchmen, vegetable and fruit vendors and labors working on construction sites. People from Baluchistan mostly own tea shops. Similarly, there are masses who have migrated from the interior of Sindh and from Punjab who are struggling in different fields to make bread and butter. All these people are scattered across various income groups.



# Parts of an Essay – Body Paragraphs

## Body Paragraph 2

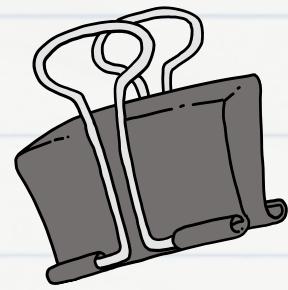
There are a number of organizations across the city where jobs of varying pay scales are available. Starting from the owner of the factory down to those who provide the cheapest labour, there are people who constitute several tiers of the upper, middle and lower classes in the industry. There are factories, hotels, restaurants, advertising agencies, multinational firms, construction companies and a multitude of other organisations where there are jobs for the very highly educated as well as the non-literate people.



# Parts of an Essay – Body Paragraphs

## Body Paragraph 3

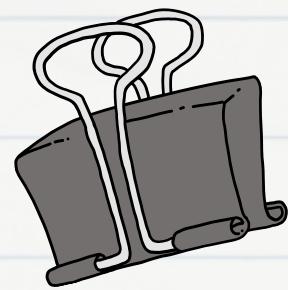
There is a constant and ruthless struggle among Karachiites for climbing the social ladder. People wish to own a bigger house and a newer car than the one that they currently have. Everybody is out to surpass his or her own fortunes and outdo their own social standing. The lower middle class aspires to ascend into the middle class while the middle class dreams of attaining to the upper middle class. The upper middle class craves to be among the wealthy while the wealthy yearn to be among the 'filthy rich'. Those with millions want to have billions and those with billions aim for a few more! With each passing day, the rat race is gaining momentum and getting tougher.



# Parts of an Essay

## Conclusion

- Start your conclusion with the restatement of the thesis.
- Summarize your main points in the conclusion.
- Offer an answer to the question (if you have raised any).
- Conclusion should summarize all of your arguments and points.



# Parts of an Essay – Conclusion

## Conclusion

People belonging to several different socio-economic groups make up Karachi - one of the largest cosmopolitan cities in the world. Since there are people from all over Pakistan inhabiting it, the city has a diverse economic pattern. Moreover, there is a large number of organizations in the city due to which there are people of varying income groups exist here. The capitalist structure of the city's economy only encourages tough competition for improved finances and higher social standing and this competition is becoming fiercer each day.

# **MODEL FOR A FIVE – PARAGRAPH ESSAY**

## **THESIS STATEMENT**

**Today, Karachi is a melting pot of socio-economic classes.**

## **TOPIC SENTENCE 1**

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## **TOPIC SENTENCE 2**

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## **RESTATEMENT OF THESIS**

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