

Essay Writing Practice Quiz

TOTAL POINTS 4

1. All of the following are effective ways to write an introductory paragraph for an essay EXCEPT which one?

1 / 1 point

- ☐ Start with general statements and get more specific.
- ☒ Explain several reasons to support your thesis statement.
- ☐ Start with an interesting hook or anecdote.
- ☐ Start with a surprising statement.

✓ **Correct**

2. What are the two parts of a good thesis statement? Choose two answers.

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☒ Topic

✓ **Correct**
Right. The topic is what your essay is about.

☒ Controlling idea

✓ **Correct**
Right. The controlling idea explains what you're going to say about the topic.

☐ Compelling idea

☐ Tone

☐ Comparing idea

3. True or False?

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The purpose of body paragraphs is to support the thesis statement of an essay.

- ☒ True
- ☐ False

✓ **Correct**
If your body paragraphs don't support the thesis statement, your essay won't have unity.

4. What's the minimum number of body paragraphs **usually** needed in an academic essay to support the thesis statement?

1 / 1 point

- ☐ 1
- ☐ 2
- ☒ 3
- ☐ 4

✓ **Correct**
For most academic essays, you need at least 3 body paragraphs.