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Unit 3 / Lesson 2 / Assignment 2

Structure Your HTML

🕐 Estimated Time: **20 minutes**

Next, you will code your site's HTML content in CodePen.

Go to your previously created "About Me Page" pen. Usually you would start with your standard HTML elements: `Doctype` , `<head>` section, and `<body>` section. Since you're using CodePen, all of those things are included, so just go straight to coding what will be in the `<body` section.

Your first section is a header, so use the `<header>` tags to create this section. Below that there are three content sections ("Introduction", "Where I'm From", and "About Me"). Use `<section>` tags for each of them. Lastly, use a `<footer>` tag for your footer. Your structure should now look like this:

```
<header>
</header>
<section>
</section>
<section>
</section>
<section>
</section>
<footer>
</footer>
```

Theory

You now have the skeleton layout for your new "About Me" page. You're using a few important HTML5 elements - `header` , `section` , and `footer` . These elements let you divide the page into *semantically meaningful* partitions - this technique is called **Semantic HTML**. This means that your *markup* (HTML tags) match the conceptual model of your page. A web page has a header and a footer, and is usually divided up into sections, so it makes sense to make these divisions using the `header` , `footer` , and `section` tags.

In the past, you might have seen similar tutorials use the `div` tag for *dividing* the page. While the `div` tag does mean *division* and isn't technically wrong, it has no semantic meaning. Keep an eye out for more specific elements than just `div` in the future. There's sometimes a better HTML5 element to represent content than a plain `div` . The same can be said for using `<tables>` tags to create column sections -- it's bad practice.

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