Diagram for the Problem/Solution Essay

The “funnel” lead to the overall essay thesis

The Problem Essay introduction paragraph (pyramid, hourglass or funnel)

The Problem Essay body of discussion—several paragraphs that use the cause/effect sequencing to explain the problem.

- Make sure all your paragraphs have clear summary (Topic) sentences that work as reasons why your Problem Essay thesis is true.
- Make sure that all the body of discussion paragraphs give thorough, detailed explanation.
- Make sure all your body of discussion paragraphs have clear closure sentences that make the point of the paragraph.
- Make sure that you apply some sort of transitional device to help your readers track from paragraph to paragraph.

The Problem Essay conclusion

You will need a very clear transition between these two separate sections of your overall essay.

The Solution Essay introduction paragraph (pyramid, hourglass or funnel)

The Solution Essay body of discussion—several paragraphs that use process sequencing to explain the problem.

- Make sure all your paragraphs have clear summary (Topic) sentences that work as reasons why your Solution Essay thesis is true.
- Make sure that all the body of discussion paragraphs give thorough, detailed explanation.
- Make sure all your body of discussion paragraphs have clear closure sentences that make the point of the paragraph.
- Make sure that you apply some sort of transitional device to help your readers track from paragraph to paragraph.

The Solution Essay conclusion

The overall essay conclusions drawn from all your arguments. End with finality. Make your point.