

BLUEPRINT for a five-paragraph essay

Remember that the underlying structure of the basic five-paragraph essay is the ***supporting structure or framework*** for an essay.

As with all structures, the finished "entity" has much more to it than just the structure. (Your body is much more than its skeleton. A stick-built house is much more than its 2X6 framing. A skyscraper is much more than its girders and I-beams.)

PARAGRAPH 1 — INTRODUCTION PARAGRAPH

1. leadoff sentence
2. summary sentence for the first point
3. summary sentence for the second point
4. summary sentence for the third point
5. link sentence between third section and first section

PARAGRAPH 2 — 1st BODY PARAGRAPH — first reason why the thesis is true

1. another version of the summary sentence for the first point
2. detail and discussion sentences for the first point. Remember to have them in some logical order or sequence. Try to make the detail sentences flow together rather than just listing them off.
3. closure/link sentence between first section and second section

PARAGRAPH 3 — 2nd BODY PARAGRAPH — second reason why the thesis is true

1. another version of the summary sentence for the second point
2. detail and discussion sentences for the second point
3. link sentence between second section and third section

PARAGRAPH 4 — 3rd BODY PARAGRAPH — third reason why the thesis is true

1. another version of the summary sentence for the third point
2. detail and discussion sentences, in order, for the third point
3. link sentence between third section and first section

PARAGRAPH 5 — CLOSURE/CONCLUSION PARAGRAPH

1. the third version of the summary sentence for the first point
2. the third version of the summary sentence for the second point
3. the third version of the summary sentence for the third point
4. a general "make your point or show the outcome or result or purpose" sentence.