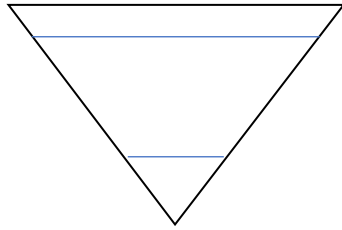


Using the TAXES Model for Body Paragraphs

Introduction Paragraph - the “fun funnel” into your essay; it follows a *general to specific* pattern



Attention-Getter (AG)/Hook

Background Information (BG)

Thesis (last sentence or two of intro)

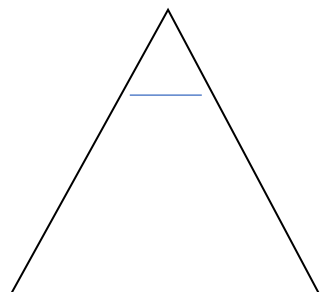
Body Paragraphs

(use the TAXES model)

Repeat **X + E** a few times within each paragraph so you're using a few examples to support your Topic Sentence

<p>T - Topic Sentence - 1.) states the <u>topic/subject</u> of the paragraph and 2.) makes a <u>claim/argument</u> or gives your <u>opinion/analysis/interpretation</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Also include a TRANSITION as you move from one body paragraph to the next
<p>A - Assertion - further explains your topic sentence, so you're not just jumping into an example right away; take 1-3 sentences to explain your idea</p>
<p>X - eXample/"They Say" - example, a quote from research, a quote from an article, piece of data or a statistic, personal experience, observation; Use the "They Say"/IQ model to introduce each bit of information you didn't already know</p>
<p>E - Explanation/"I Say" - explain your eXample from the previous step here, and try to do three things in your explanation:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. explain what your example means2. then explain its effect3. then explain its significance (making connections to the reader, to the context, to society, etc.) in terms of how it relates to the topic you're writing about
<p>S - Significance (bottom layer of "bread") - your concluding sentence or bottom layer of "bread"; commentary that shows how your paragraph supports the thesis by answering "so what?" (why is this significant? why does it matter that you're analyzing it?)</p>

Conclusion Paragraph - the “fun funnel” out of your essay; it follows a *specific to general* pattern



Re-state your thesis and summarize your main ideas

Broaden outwards by leaving your reader with something to think about (chewing gum or “so what?”)

Notes