

Body Paragraphs:

- Include body paragraph(s) for each of the main points in your *Introductory Paragraph*. If you list three things in your intro there should be at least three paragraphs
- You can have more than three paragraphs. For example, one of your main points might include two or three paragraphs. As long as each of these paragraphs relates to one of the main points it is fine.
- The body paragraphs are written in the order the topic statements are written
- Body paragraphs *expand* topic statements by providing more information. How is this done?

Writing Body Paragraphs:

- A good body paragraph takes the topic statement and explains it clearly. The writer makes a point and then explains this point, gives examples, provides detailed information and/or connects the idea to other ideas.
- Body paragraphs might also use quotes from books, movies, etc. to help explain a point. However, quotes must be used correctly.
- Body paragraphs should have at least three ways of explaining why/how the topic statement helps to prove that the thesis is true.

Planning Body Paragraphs:

THESIS: School should be closed for six months of the year

TOPIC SENTENCE: You would have more time to hang out with friends

POINT 1: More time to have fun

POINT 2: People would be way happier

POINT 3: If it was closed in the fall you could spend time outdoors or indoors playing video games

FINAL SENTENCE:

****REMINDER**** Use facts, reasons, explanations, examples, ideas, detail, quotes to help explain and prove your topic sentence. Your topic sentence must clearly connect to and prove your thesis!