



GET TO THE POINT

The final step before writing your paper is writing a thesis statement and topic sentences. Think about the audience. Ask yourself: Who am I writing for? What am I trying to tell them? What's the best way to tell that audience what I want them to know?

PAPER TITLE: _____

INTRO:

Your first paragraph introduces your main idea and why it's important. It also hints at what the rest of the paper is about.

Thesis: A thesis statement explains the main point in one sentence. Some answer a question. Others take one side of an argument. Others show how to break down your main idea into parts so it's easy for your reader to understand it. Think about the goal of your paper. That will help you decide what kind of thesis statement you will write. People often put their thesis at the end of the introduction paragraph.

THESIS STATEMENT: _____

BODY PARAGRAPHS:

The body of your paper is made of paragraphs that support your thesis. Each paragraph has several sentences about one idea and usually starts with a topic sentence. The topic sentence is then explained with facts, details, and examples.

Topic sentences: Topic sentences tell the reader what the paragraph is about and how it relates to the thesis.

TOPIC SENTENCE 1: _____

TOPIC SENTENCE 2: _____

TOPIC SENTENCE 3: _____

CONCLUSION:

The conclusion wraps up the paper. It reminds readers why your main idea is important. It also reminds them of the thesis. This makes sure readers will remember the main point of your paper.