**How to Write an Essay**

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**Here are some tips and templates to help you get started:**

* Brainstorm!
	+ Try to get your ideas down by whatever method works for you (freewriting, listing, clustering, mapping, drawing, talking, etc.)
	+ Start to form your main idea and sub-points
	+ If you need to do research, start researching your topic
* Decided how to arrange your body paragraphs
	+ Time: Chronological order or Sequential order
	+ Location
	+ General to Specific
	+ Specific to general
	+ Least important to most important
	+ Problem to solution
* Develop a working thesis statement
* Outline
* Start your introduction
* Draft each body paragraph

**What is in an introduction?**

**What is in a body paragraph?**

**What is in a conclusion?**

Restate the thesis in a new way.

Remind the reader of your main points and what you wanted them to know.

End on a big idea that is memorable, a call to action, or why this topic matters.

Brainstorm:

Outlining process:

Questions to help you with an outline:

What is your thesis?

How do you plan on arranging your paragraphs? Ex: Time, location, general to specific, problem to solution

Order your ideas:

Body paragraph 1:

Body paragraph 2

Body paragraph 3:

Body paragraph 4:

What kind of connections do you see?

What other information will you need?

Thesis: Fake news is bad.

**Body Paragraph Outline**

* **Topic Sentence:**
* **Context Transition:**
* **Evidence/Examples/Quotation:**
* **Analysis:**
* **How does this example connect to the next piece of evidence?**
* **Evidence/Examples/Quotation:**
* **Analysis:**
* **How does this all come together and lead to the next paragraph?**