



**MODEL
THREE-PARAGRAPH
ESSAY**



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MODEL THREE-PARAGRAPH ESSAY

Expository Essays

Provide facts

Give directions

Explain ideas

Define words



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When writing a three-paragraph essay focus on:

Making the meaning CLEAR

Making the meaning UNDERSTANDABLE

Presenting the meaning in a LOGICAL way

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WRITING TOPIC:

“Reasons why the Grand Canyon is a popular park”*



THREE MAIN POINTS:

History

2. Location

3. Uniqueness

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First Paragraph: Introduction



Sentence 1: Topic Sentence

Also known as “thesis statement”: a single sentence that states topic and point-of-view

Broadly indicates the argument of the paragraph

Try to put it at the beginning of the paragraph

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Sentence 1: Topic Sentence

Example:

Grand Canyon National Park is one of America's most popular national parks for several reasons.

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Sentence 2: Extra Information
about the topic sentence

Example:

Because the Grand Canyon is one of nature's most awesome sights, it is visited by thousands of tourists every year.

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Sentence 3: Order sentence

List points you will make in order of presentation.

Example:

Three reasons for its popularity are its history, location and uniqueness.

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Second Paragraph: Body



Sentence 4: First Point

Example:

One reason for the Grand Canyon's popularity is its long and colorful history as a national treasure.

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Second Paragraph: Body



Sentence 5: Supporting Sentences

Write one or two sentences that support first point.

Example:

There are many good stories about its exploration by the noted adventurer John Wesley Powell and his fellow travelers.

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Sentence 6: Second Point

Example:

The Grand Canyon is also popular for its location.

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Sentence 7: Supporting Sentences

Write one or two sentences that support the second point.

Example:

The Grand Canyon is located in northern Arizona, a very interesting and beautiful tourist attraction in the United States.

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Sentence 8: Third Point

Example:

Uniqueness is another reason for the Grand Canyon's popularity and fame.

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Second Paragraph: Body



Sentence 9: Supporting Sentences

Write one or two sentences that support the third point.

Example:

The spectacular view of the Colorado River a mile below the rim, the canyon's enormous size, and its beautiful forms and colors of rocks are breathtaking sights.

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Third Paragraph: Conclusion ¶ ¶ ¶



Sentence 10: Concluding General Sentence
Rewrite the topic sentence only saying it differently.

Hint: It's a good idea to start with "In conclusion,"

Example:

In conclusion, the Grand Canyon is a popular place for many reasons.

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Third Paragraph: Conclusion



Sentence 11: Concluding Summary Sentence

Reword the transition sentence from paragraph 1 to paragraph 2.

Example:

The park's history, location and uniqueness make it one of the most magnificent canyon's in the entire world.

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After writing your conclusion:

- Review what you have written...
 - reread essay to make sure it follows in logical sequence
 - make sure you support your claim with evidence
 - be sure sentence flow is smooth
 - add transitional phrases to connect thoughts or ideas
 - check for grammar, punctuation, capitalization and spelling errors



THE END

