

Essay Structure Map

(front-loaded, collapsible)

- Title: Helpful, distinctive, and search-friendly
- Intro ¶: Your argument and why it's needed
 - Efficiently set up problem (no slow zoom)
 - Thesis (debatable interpretive claim, point of entire paper)
- Body ¶s: Steps required to prove thesis (usually from simple to complex)
 - Topic Sentence (debatable interpretive claim/thesis of ¶)
 - Evidence (usually a quote)
 - Analysis (how evidence supports claim)
- Conclusion: Where did we end up, and where can we go next?
 - Sum up (not too repetitive)
 - Move forward, consider larger implications.