

Outline For A Five Paragraph Essay

1. Introductory Paragraph

- A. General Statement on the topic
- B. Reason #1
- C. Reason #2
- D. Reason #3
- E. Thesis Statement (You must mention something about "THE THREE REASONS")

2. Second Paragraph

- A. Reason #1 Topic Sentence
- B. Examples or Explanations with Details
- C. Transitional Statement (Must state a fact - just one reason)

3. Third Paragraph

- A. (Reason #2 Topic Sentence
- B. Examples or Explanations with Details
- C. Transitional Statement (Must state a fact - just one reason)

4. Fourth Paragraph

- A. Reason #3 Topic Sentence
- B. Examples or Explanations with Details
- C. Transitional Statement (Must state a fact - just one reason)

5. Fifth Paragraph - Concluding Paragraph

- A. Thesis Statement on the topic (Mention something about "THE THREE REASONS")
- B. Reason #1
- C. Reason #2
- D. Reason #3
- E. General Statement on the topic

The "FRIED" Method

Facts

Reasons

Incidents

Examples

Details

^{GENERAL STATEMENT}
I have always had good parties. My parents would choose the place.

^{Reason #2}
I would invite all the people that I wanted. ^{Reason #3}
My mother would plan the menu. ^{Thesis Statement - Specific}
My best birthday was when I was fifteen years old.

^{Reason #1 (Topic Sentence)}
My parents chose the place, because it would be a surprise for me.

The party was in the "Arbolera Club". My parents chose that place because I liked pools, slides, and trees. Also they knew I liked the ballroom "Salon Arbolera". The DJ played pop music and "Cumbias". There was different music because there were too many people both young and old.

Details

^{Reason #2 (Topic Sentence)}
I could invite all the people that I wanted. That year I ^{invited} had too many friends and a boyfriend, and some of my neighbors. My friends gave me presents like clothing, rings, and earrings. My boyfriend gave me three dozen red roses!

Details

^{Reason #3 (Topic Sentence)}
My mom decided the menu, because she knows about food. My mom chose a buffet, because there were going to be many people. The buffet had chicken, rice, "guacamole", spaghetti, "bister", pizza, pop and "Piña coladas". The menu was delicious!

Details

^{Thesis Statement - Specific}
In conclusion, my best birthday was when I was fifteen years old. It

^{Reason #1} was in the "Arbolera club". ^{Reason #2} I could invite all the people that I wanted. My ^{Reason #3} mom planned the menu, and it was delicious. ^{General statement} I have always had good

parties.