

Full Name:

Hour:

Prewriting Sheet for 3 paragraph Essay (OPTIONAL)

IF YOU HAVE MORE BODY PARAGRAPHS, STRUCTURE THEM IN THE SAME WAY – GENERAL TOPIC SENT FOLLOWED W/ SPECIFIC EXAMPLES. INCLUDE TRANSITIONS, CITATIONS, AND COMMENTARY

Adapted from

[Http://depts.gallaudet.edu/EnglishWorks/writing/fiveparagraph.html](http://depts.gallaudet.edu/EnglishWorks/writing/fiveparagraph.html)

- When writing examples have three or more DISTINCT examples for EACH and every paragraph. ***Do not just provide multiple passages or explanations on the same incident!!!***
- ALSO make sure to WRITE DOWN ALL THREE examples NOT just the quotes.
 - Reminder: When you write your actual essay, you will need to introduce the quotes instead of just dropping them and you will need transitions between examples. (For example, In fact, In addition, Furthermore, Also, Finally, etc)

Essay Title: _____

I. **INTRODUCTION**

- A. Introductory statement / GRAB ATTENTION – (LIT and COMP avoid a question. Use another form of catch attention.)

- B. Intro continued: Also provide a brief 1-2 sentence summary of the story to set the scene but then do NOT re-tell the story after that.

- C. Intro continued: Thesis statement/Preview statement: Be sure to provide a thorough overview. (Lit and Comp must avoid a simple list. Weave your main points in a more sophisticated way. You may

even need multiple sentences.) This is a preview of your main pts. **AVOID** saying: this paper will be about... or I will tell you about... etc.

II. **BODY**

- A. **BODY PARAGRAPH - (Topic Sentence) – This will be letting us know what your first main point is and will create interest for the paragraph. Do NOT write this paragraph will be about... Topic sentences are GENERAL and do not go into specifics. Do not go into specific examples in the topic sentence. Example: Napoleon deserves to be the leader because he is the brave.**

Be sure to have at least three **DISTINCT** specific examples – one of which needs to be a **DIRECT** quote. **Do NOT talk about the same thing in three different ways. Keep track of page numbers. You will need parenthetical citations for the quotes. Be sure to be SPECIFIC “Tactics, Comrades” (Orwell 75).**

When you are writing it you will have to work on connecting and transitioning between examples, setting up and explaining quotes, etc. In your paper you will write MORE than the simple list you have here. (In addition, Furthermore, Also, Finally, In fact, For example, etc)

1.

2.

3. _____

III. **Conclusion** (min 3 sent)

A. **Closing statement**

B. **Restate thesis:**

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provide new info in the concl. and be sure to touch on your two
main points. However, avoid a simple list weave the main points
into the conclusion. Do not provide specific examples in the
INTRO or CONCL – save those for the body.

This is just a prewriting sheet. Check the project sheet for
additional requirements and guidelines. Also you will ADD more
info in your final paper.

Intros can be shorter – 3 sentences minimum

Body Paragraphs – are longer generally at LEAST 6-7 sentences

Conclusion – 3 sentences minimum