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Four Paragraph Model



Paragraph #1 Introduction

40+ words
3+ sentences
Thesis belongs at the end of the paragraph

Paragraph #2 1st body paragraph

8 sentences
100+ words
Format:
#1 Topic sentence
#2 cd, starts with *For example*,
#3 commentary
#4 commentary
#5 cd, starts with *In addition*,
#6 commentary
#7 commentary
#8 conclusion, all commentary

Paragraph #3 2nd body paragraph

8 sentences
100+ words
Format:
#1 Topic sentence
#2 cd, starts with *For example*,
#3 commentary
#4 commentary
#5 cd, starts with *In addition*,
#6 commentary
#7 commentary
#8 conclusion, all commentary

Paragraph #4

Concluding paragraph

40+ words, all commentary

No repeats of key words

Gives a finished feeling to the whole essay