**A Model for Organizing an Essay**

**Introductory Paragraph**

* The first sentence is a broad or general statement that introduces the topic.
* The first sentence may be an interesting quote, fact, or question to lead the reader into the essay.
* Statements should narrow down and lead the reader to the main point or thesis of the essay.
* The final sentence in the introduction should state the thesis or main point of the essay.

**1st Body Paragraph**

* The first sentence should be the topic sentence and connect in some way to the thesis.
* All other sentences should support the topic sentence with specific arguments.

**2nd Body Paragraph**

* Use a transitional phrase or word to tie to the first paragraph.
* The first sentence should be a new topic sentence and connect to the thesis.
* All other sentences should support the topic sentence with specific arguments and evidence.

**3rd Body Paragraph**

* Use a transitional phrase or word to tie to the first paragraph.
* The first sentence should be a new topic sentence and connect to the thesis.
* All other sentences should support the topic sentence with specific arguments and evidence.

**Conclusion Paragraph**

* The first sentence should restate the thesis.
* All other sentences should summarize the main points of the body paragraphs.