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INTRODUCTION. The first sentences of your introduction are your hook. The hook is a sentence that "catches" your readers and makes them want to read more. For the rest of your introduction, which is usually one paragraph but can be two, you want to give some background information about your topic. The last sentence of your introduction is the thesis statement. This is the sentence that tells the reader what the rest of your essay will be about. Since this is a persuasive essay, your thesis statement will give your position, which is how you feel about your topic: *I believe THIS.*

BODY PARAGRAPH 1. The first sentence of your body paragraphs will usually be a topic sentence. If your thesis statement gave your position, *I believe THIS,* your topic sentences in each of your body paragraphs will state why: *I believe THIS because of REASON.* Then, use the rest of the body paragraph to explain your reason. In a persuasive essay, you are trying to convince your reader to agree with your position by appealing to their emotions.

BODY PARAGRAPH 2. Start with the topic sentence again, giving a second reason for your position. Again, use the rest of the body paragraph to fully explain your reason, appealing to your readers' emotions.

BODY PARAGRAPH 3. Although this example only has three body paragraphs, you can write as many as you need to fully explain your reasons for your position or write as many as your instructor requires. All body paragraphs follow the same pattern: topic sentence with a reason, then explain your reason, appealing to your readers' emotions.

CONCLUSION. In your conclusion, you want to restate your thesis statement, which means convey your position again, but using different words. Then, you can summarize each of your main points, which are your reasons from each body paragraph. Finally, end your concluding paragraph with a final thought, which is the last thing your readers will be left with.