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Modified Schaffer Model essay structure

INTRO PARAGRAPH:

* Hook
* Thesis question (you may choose to have your thesis question be your hook)
* Thesis (containing blueprint) as last sentence of intro paragraph

BODY PARAGRAPHS

* 3 total
* each body paragraph is exactly 10 sentences long

Your thesis is the foundation of the paper

**1.** Topic sentence (one of the areas of emphasis from the thesis statement)

**2.** Subtopic sentence #1 (introduces the first area of emphasis from the topic sentence)

**3.** Concrete detail #1 (**from an external resource:** facts, specifics, quotes, paraphrasing, real examples, descriptions, or plot references about subtopic sentence #1)

**4.** Commentary #1 (opinion, insight, analysis, interpretation, inference, personal response, feelings, evaluations, and reflection about concrete detail #1)

**5.** Commentary #2 (opinion, insight, analysis, interpretation, inference, personal response, feelings, evaluations, and reflection about concrete detail #1)

**6.** Subtopic sentence #2 (introduces the first area of emphasis from the topic sentence)

**7.** Concrete detail #2 (**from an external resource:** facts, specifics, quotes, paraphrasing, real examples, descriptions, or plot references about subtopic sentence #2)

**8.** Commentary #1 (opinion, insight, analysis, interpretation, inference, personal response, feelings, evaluations, and reflection about concrete detail #2)

**9.** Commentary #2 (opinion, insight, analysis, interpretation, inference, personal response, feelings, evaluations, and reflection about concrete detail #2)

**10.** Concluding sentence for whole paragraph (sums up ideas, reflects on paragraph, gives more commentary, or gives a personal statement about the topic sentence)

CONCLUSION PARAGRAPH:

* Revisits thesis in some way
* Often contains more commentary
* Leaves the reader with a final though or challenge