

Expository Essay Template

Introduction Paragraph

Hook: <i>-startling info. or</i> <i>-quotation or</i> <i>-statistics or</i> <i>-all commentary</i>	
Background information: <i>What your reader needs to know about the topic</i>	
Thesis: <i>the umbrella statement for the whole essay – what you will prove</i>	<i>Topic (answer to the question) + CM that applies to all CDs in the essay</i>

Body Paragraph (use one of these for each paragraph)

TS	<i>Topic + CM that applies to all CDs in the paragraph</i>
CD	<i>Fact/what/example/illustration/quotation/plot detail/paraphrase/evidence/support/reference/citation/plot summary/what happens</i>
CM	<i>So what/why/analysis/interpretation/evaluation/feelings/opinion/inference/insight/significance/reasons/why the CD above is important</i>

CM	
CD	
CM	
CM	
CS	<i>A finished feeling for the paragraph; no repeats; all CM</i>

Conclusion Paragraph

No repeats	
All Commentary	
Gives a finished feeling to your essay	