

The Bridwell Library Bow-Tie Essay Worksheet

INTRODUCTION

Go from general to specific as you orient your reader to your paper's topic. You can lead them briefly through the thought process that led you to your thesis.

STATE THESIS HERE

PRESENT SUPPORTING EVIDENCE

here, in **3** sections. Each section should include a **TOPIC** sentence to introduce it. Evidence can be witness statements, stories, events, or new interpretations/concepts.

This is your opportunity to get vivid.

ANALYSIS: tell the reader what the evidence means, how it supports what you are saying. Show cause & effect, show logical progression & sequence.

Conclude each section with sentence that Reiterate the topic sentence.

REPEAT with 2 MORE EXAMPLES

CONCLUSION

Go from specific to general as you summarize the three pieces of evidence you have just presented. Restate your thesis in terms of your evidence. Make the final bold statement--suggest looking ahead to future developments that may impact your thesis.

Introduction: _____

THESIS: _____

#1 topic sentence/key concept(s) _____

#2 topic sentence/key concept(s) _____

#3 topic sentence/key concept(s) _____

Conclusion (restatement of Introduction): _____
