

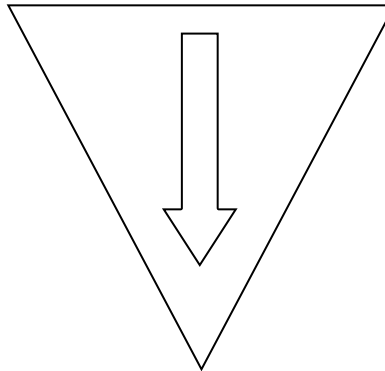


# Roadmap for Writing Essays

## Introductory Paragraph

Capture the reader's interest with

- A quote
- A fact or statistic
- A story or anecdote
- A question



As the arrow continues, so should your thoughts become more specific.

The last sentence should be the thesis, which should:

- Be debatable
- Be supported with evidence
- Say what you are going to discuss

## Body Paragraphs

**Idea/Topic 1**

- Topic sentence
- Support, evidence, details, references
- Relate support to the thesis

**Idea/Topic 2**

- Transition and topic sentence
- Support, evidence, details, references
- Relate support to the thesis

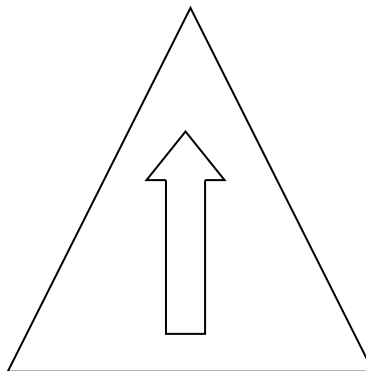
**Idea/Topic 3**

- Transition and topic sentence
- Support, evidence, details, references
- Relate support to the thesis

## Concluding Paragraph

Broaden ideas to include a:

- Question
- Quote
- Vivid image
- Call for action



Restate the thesis.

Make broad and general statements.

What is the moral/lesson of the story?