

## Essay Structure

<p><b>Introduction:</b> Introduce your idea. A thesis statement is usually one sentence, which contains the main thought of your essay.</p>	<p><b>Your Ideas</b></p>
<p><b>Literature Review:</b> This part is optional, depending on the essay and subject. Here, you introduce the work carried out previously. It is not simply a summary of all the available work, but rather a critical analysis of it.</p>	<p><b>Your Ideas</b></p>
<p><b>Body of Work:</b> This is where your point is argued. You have introduced it in the thesis statement. Now you need to explain it and back it up with references to other authors' work. Analyse previous writings, consider their validity, and search for differing responses.</p>	<p><b>Your Ideas</b></p>
<p><b>Discussion:</b> This part is also optional, depending on your essay and subject. Here, you will attempt some self-criticism. Try to look for holes in your statements, and see which areas will require more work in the future. You may also come across papers which disagree with your view. This is a good place to include them, and try to engage with them, either by explaining why that view is wrong, or what research can help to disprove that view.</p>	<p><b>Your Ideas</b></p>
<p><b>Conclusion:</b> This is where you tie up your work. The main point to remember is that the conclusion should not contain any new points. Its purpose is to briefly summarise what your argument was, so that others can read the conclusion and decide whether your work will be of use to them in their research.</p>	<p><b>Your Ideas</b></p>