

# Parts of an Essay

- I. Introduction – 1 paragraph
  - A. Grabber or attention-getter
  - B. Thesis – the topic of your essay
  - C. Preview – naming the 3 sub-topics you will discuss in the body
  
- II. Body – 3 or more paragraphs
  - A. Transition
  - B. Topic sentence
  - C. Detailed support for your topic sentence with citations
  
- III. Conclusion – 1 paragraph
  - A. Review
  - B. Re-statement of your thesis
  - C. Memorable close
  
- IV. Works Cited – separate page (if it is a research paper)
  - A. a listing in alphabetical order of all the resources you cited in your paper. DO NOT include the ones you just read but didn't cite.
  - B. use Citation Machine (or some other source) to correctly list your citations (author, title, date of publication, publisher)

\*All research papers need citations either paraphrased or directly quoted. MLA is the format we used for our research papers (another format is APA).