

123 Fast and Easy with Step Up to Writing Colors

I. Fast Introduction

- A. Interesting beginning
- B. Thesis statement
- C. Subtopics
 1. Subtopic one
 2. Subtopic two
 3. Subtopic three

Subtopics may be listed in the final draft introduction, or the essay may be organized so that listing subtopics here is redundant.

II. Body

- A. Subtopic one topic sentence
 1. Details, evidence, examples,
 2. facts, data, etc. to support
 3. topic sentence.
- B. Subtopic two topic sentence
 1. Details, evidence, examples,
 2. facts, data, etc. to support
 3. topic sentence.
- C. Subtopic three topic sentence
 1. Details, evidence, examples,
 2. facts, data, etc. to support
 3. topic sentence.

When you write your rough and final drafts, include transitions between examples and also between subtopics as appropriate. Include reasoning and explanation as appropriate.

It might be appropriate to use more (or fewer) details, examples, facts, etcetera in the body.

III. Easy Conclusion

- A. Restate thesis
- B. State point: Now that the thesis is proven, what should the reader do think, or feel? Why should the reader care about what the essay proved? Persuasive essays would include a call to action.

This format is a guideline that should be altered as necessary to fit a particular writing need. Part of becoming a good writer is learning how to modify this format to fit a particular piece of writing. What should be used precisely? What needs to be expanded or contracted; adjusted or eliminated? Should parts be rearranged for creativity or to develop irony? What figurative language or elements of literature should be utilized?

- A very short essay of just a paragraph or so might simply skip the interesting beginning and just have a thesis statement followed by examples and explanation, and a conclusion. This would be a 1 Fast and Easy with a narrow, focused thesis and no subtopics.
- A short comparison/contrast might be a 12 Fast and Easy. First subtopic is compare, second is contrast. A longer comparison/contrast might have a few subtopics for comparison and also a few for contrast.
- A lengthy research paper might have several subtopics and be organized as a 12345 Fast and Easy.
- At its simplest, 123 Fast and Easy produces a five paragraph essay. A more sophisticated, creative essay may use the same pattern, but have a different number of paragraphs.