

Notes: Essay Format 5/12/14, PM Group

Essay

- Introduction
 - Background—helps give context
 - Thesis statement—claim/opinion
 - Parallel structure (reasons 1, 2, 3 are briefly stated, follow the same order in the body as to the order of the reason.)
- Body
 - Reason 1—evidence—facts, examples, sensory details (major & minor points)
 - Reason 2—evidence—facts, examples, sensory details (major & minor points)
 - Reason 3—evidence—facts, examples, sensory details (major & minor points)
- Conclusion—So what wrap-up, reminding your reader why you have your claim and what it is

Reasons:

- Strong
- Stronger
- Strongest

OR

- Strongest—1st
- Stronger—2nd
- Strong—3rd