

Basic Essay Format

Introduction- 2 sentences

- A hook makes your essay interesting, but it is not needed.
- Thesis: Author, Title, claim/topics, and your reasoning

George Orwell uses allegorical characters to satirize the damaging political theories of the Russian Revolution in his novel Animal Farm.

Body- at least 5 sentences

- Topic sentence that relates to your thesis.
- Explanation of your topic sentence.
- Text evidence- a quote from text. Introduce your quotes; don't just drop them into your paragraph. Mrs. Anz says, "Eat your vegetables."
- Explanation of how this quote proves your thesis idea.
- So What? is the question to ask yourself. Each sentence must relate to your thesis/topic.
- Conclusion statement to wrap of this line of thinking.

Conclusion- 1 to 2 sentences that's draws your essay to an end

- Restate your claim/topic
- Draw a conclusion- Did I learn something from your essay?
- Summarize your point
- Tie your idea into a global idea????

Did you discuss **each** aspect of the prompt? Most prompts ask multiple questions. These are **analytical** essays. Did you dissect the information and explain each point? The AP rubric evaluates your essays based upon your ability to peel back the **layers of understanding**. Be Shrek- an onion full of stinky layers.