

A Diagram of The Four Paragraph Paper  
(Suitable format for small essays, midterms and final questions)

Paragraph 1	Paragraph 2	Paragraph 3	Paragraph 4
Intro TS ans sub- topics A & B (3-5 ss)	“A” ts begins the paragraph  (10-12 ss)  examples in support of topic sentence	“B” ts begins the paragraph  (10-12 ss)  examples in support of topic sentence	CONCL  connects ideas and provides closure

  
 The BODY paragraphs

Symbols TS = Thesis statement: states the main idea of the whole paper

ts = topic sentence: states the main ideas of the supporting paragraph.

Par = paragraph

ss = sentences (not lines)

INTRO = introduction

CONCL = conclusion

Par A = first BODY paragraph ( Par 2)

Par B = second BODY paragraph ( Par 3)

Par C = third BODY paragraph (Par 4)

BODY = The “meat” of the paper where the specific examples support the topic sentence in each paragraph.