

THE MODERN ESSAY PARADIGM Worksheet

Construction workers do not build without a blueprint, and you should not write an essay without a plan. The best way to construct a good essay is to *think out* where it is going *before* you begin to write. The modern essay paradigm offers a logical and efficient writing plan.

The paragraph is the basic unit of construction for the essay. An essay often has five paragraphs, but can have more or less, depending on the *nature of your assertion* and the *quality of your evidence*.

Paragraphs should be arranged in the following order:

INTRODUCTION

EVIDENTIAL PARAGRAPH #1

EVIDENTIAL PARAGRAPH #2

EVIDENTIAL PARAGRAPH #3

COMMENTARY