

BIG PICTURE	PART OF THE ESSAY	PURPOSE OF THE PART
	Introduction	
Inform readers what the essay is about.	Lead-in (LE)	Sets context for the piece—why is this idea important in terms of the big picture?
	Thesis Statement TS	Explicitly tells the reader what the argument is about.
	SS1, SS2, SS3 Statement of Structure	Explicitly tells the reader the elements of the argument.
	Supporting Idea I (SI1)	
Provide readers with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Logical reasoning • Credible external evidence • Factual examples • References where appropriate 	Summary Sentence	Introduces and summarizes Idea # One.
	Evidence EV+R EV+R	Provides explanation and evidence for Idea # One only.
	Supporting Idea II (SI2)	
	Summary Sentence	Introduces and summarizes Idea # Two.
	Evidence EV+R EV+R	Provides explanation and evidence for Idea # Two only.
	Supporting Idea III (SI3)	
Summary Sentence	Introduces and summarizes Idea # Three.	
Evidence EV+R EV+R	Provides explanation and evidence for Idea # Three only.	
	Conclusion: NEVER INTRODUCE NEW INFORMATION IN THE CONCLUSION!	
Remind readers what the essay is all about.	(C) Restatement of thesis	Summarizes thesis using different words or point of view than in the introduction.
	Recap of main points	Briefly summarizes (at least) three pieces of evidence.
	Universal application	Reminds reader of the context the set at the beginning of the essay. <small>Lead-in</small>