

## ANALYTICAL ESSAY STRUCTURE

- Introduction
  - Background information
    - mention work & author
    - lead
      - general, topical information leading into thesis, and/or
      - plot summary leading into thesis.
  - Thesis
    - provocative--transcends superficial observation
    - concise (focused)
- Body
  - Supporting Paragraph
    - 1. transition from previous idea/paragraph
    - 2. topic sentence/paragraph point
    - 3. contextual information for quotation (who, what, where, when); sets up & leads smoothly into quotation
    - 4. quotation—citation of evidence with parenthetical reference
    - 5. discussion/explanation of quotation and how it relates to point
  - More supporting paragraphs
- Conclusion
  - sum up main points
  - make logical connection between points & thesis
  - make a personal connection to the subject matter or demonstrate a general relevance to the human condition.

### Formatting Procedures:

- Type and double-space your final draft.
- Indent five spaces for each new paragraph.
- Don't insert extra spaces between paragraphs.
- Header—last name, space, and page number (Arabic numeral) in to right hand corner of every page
- One inch margins
- First page:
  - Top left corner: name, instructor's name, course, date (all double-spaced)
  - Double space again and center title
  - Double space again and start text of essay

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IF YOU PLAGIARIZE.**