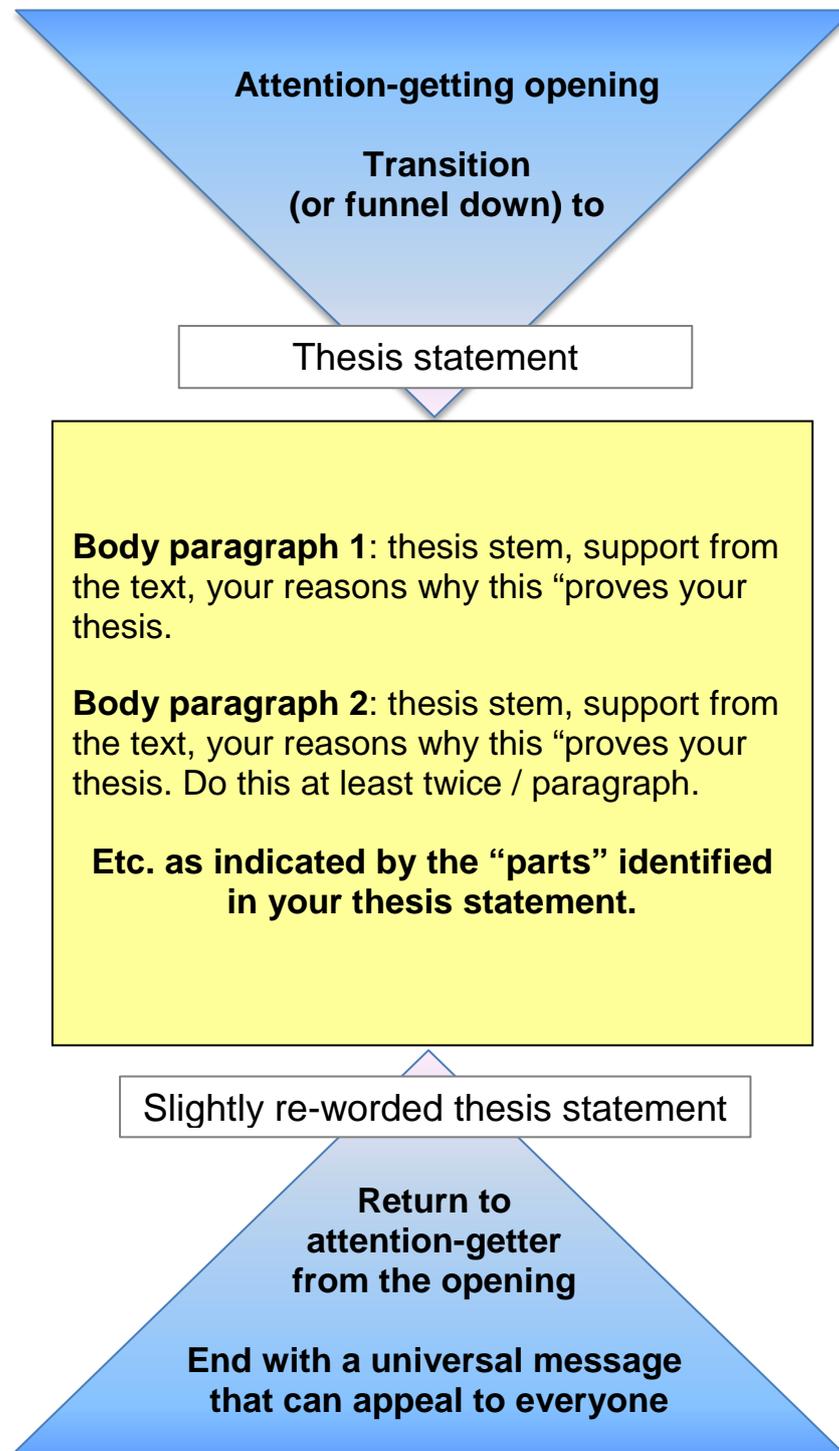


Shaping your Essay

Diagram 1: Process of shaping your essay



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Diagram 2: Structure of shaping your essay

Introductory Paragraph

Begin with

- an attention-getting opening and
- then transition to finish with
- your thesis statement.

Body Paragraphs

Each body paragraph begins with a “supporting part” of your thesis statement.

Then you use references / quotations from the text to support why it is important.

Make sure you explain how this support “proves” your opinion in the thesis statement.

Do this at least twice in each body paragraph.
Expect to have 2 – 4 body paragraphs (the number will match the “supporting parts” you identify in your thesis statement).

Concluding Paragraph

- return to your whole thesis statement (as a way to “sum up”)
- go back to the idea you opened the essay with
- end with a statement that has universal appeal.