



How to Write an Essay

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Introduction

- Grab the reader's attention
 - Usually with a “hook sentence”
- Clearly identify the purpose of the essay
- Have a **thesis statement** as the last sentence

Thesis Statement

- State your stance on the topic
- Outline your points that will be discussed
 - These will become the body paragraphs
 - List them in the order they appear in your essay

Body Paragraphs

- At least 1 paragraph per point in your thesis
- Start each with a **topic sentence**
 - Identifies which point is being discussed
- Have at least 2 supporting details
- End each paragraph with a **concluding sentence**
 - Neatly wrap-up your ideas on the point

Writing a Conclusion Paragraph

- A conclusion paragraph is a summary of what you've written about in your essay.
- When writing your conclusion paragraph, you want to use your introduction paragraph as a sort of guide by restating your thesis statement.
- Make sure to add a little information from each paragraph, so you cover all details of your essay.

Other Writing Tips

- The best way to improve your writing skills is to read. Reading increases your understanding of how others write and even increases your vocabulary.
- After each paragraph, read your work aloud. Reading your work aloud will make it easier to hear any mistakes made.
- Have someone else read your work. Once you finish your essay, have one of your friends or have the Writing Center look over your work to tell you what needs work.

Introduction

Orientate the reader
Identify the focus/purpose
Outline scope
State thesis

Body

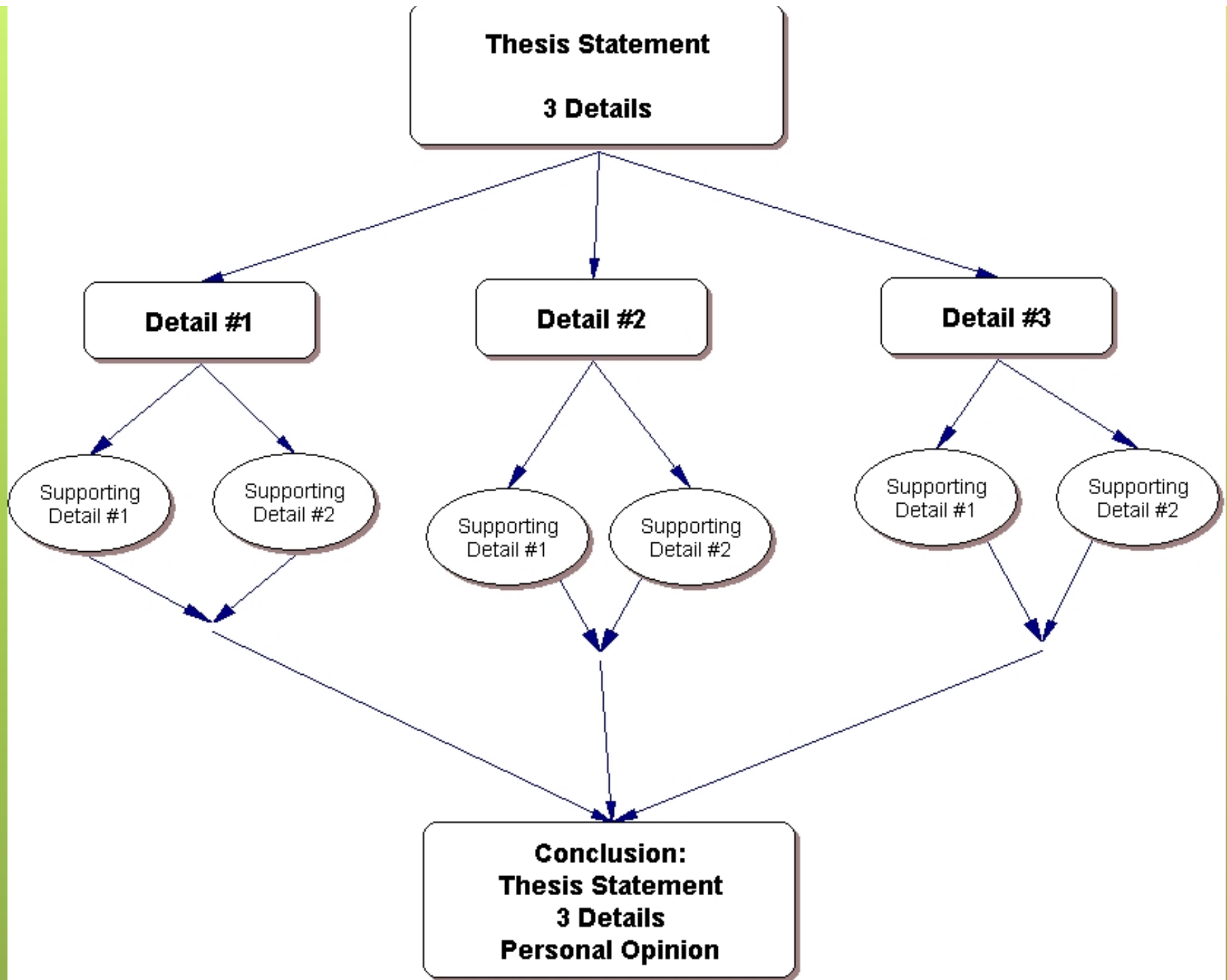
Topic sentence 1
Supporting details
Concluding sentence 1

Topic sentence 2
Supporting details
Concluding sentence 2

Topic sentence 3 and so on
Supporting details
Concluding sentence 3

Conclusion

Restate thesis
Summarise argument



Sources

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