**The Elements of a Five-Paragraph Essay**

**Overview:**

When constructing a five-paragraph essay, it is essential to include these elements because they ensure that your points are thoroughly communicated, your thesis is presented and analyzed, and your reader can identify and understand your core message.

When structuring your essay, you can use the following outline:

**Paragraph 1 – Introduction**

1.  Thesis statement

 a. Main idea

 b. Writer’s perspective

2.  3 points – directly related to thesis statement

**Paragraph 2 – Body**

       1.  Topic sentence –related to first point raised in introduction

  a. Main idea

  b. Writer’s perspective

       2.  Sentences in support of topic sentence

**Paragraph 3 – Body**

       1.  Topic sentence –related to second point raised in introduction

  a. Main idea

  b. Writer’s perspective

       2.  Sentences in support of topic sentence

**Paragraph 4 – Body**

       1.  Topic sentence – related to third point raised in introduction

  a. Main idea

  b. Writer’s perspective

       2.  Sentence in support of topic sentence

**Paragraph 5 – Conclusion**

      1.   Bring essay to logical and appropriate ending

      a. Re-state thesis statement

            b. Sum up entire essay