

### introduction -background

- show your focus/thesis
- introduce topic
- background information – context – sets the tone,
- introduce basic idea of text

### Thesis/ controlling idea/topic sentence/ focus/ purpose

- states your point of view
- shows that you are thinking
- from one side, one perspective
- has to be clear
- has to run *throughout* your piece of writing
- must be supported with information

### some quotes/evidence/details/facts

- has to support your position
- can be a direct quote or paraphrase in your own words
- have to give credit – in text citation (parenthetical)

### analysis

- draws evidence back to controlling idea
- sometimes involves explanation/elaboration
- another way to show that you are thinking
- synthesize ideas – bring things together

### conclusion

- restate thesis
- reminder of some of main pieces of evidence
- some new idea/ view of the future