

Five-Paragraph Expository Essay Model

Essay Title

Paragraph 1: The Introduction

- **Topic Sentence (Main Idea for your paper)**
- **Example Sentence #1 (Subtopic)**
- **Example Sentence #2 (Subtopic)**
- **Example Sentence #3 (Subtopic)**
- **Concluding Sentence that repeats the Main Idea**

Paragraph 2: Example #1

- **Topic Sentence Example #1 (from the Introduction)**
- **3 Examples sentences that prove your Topic Sentence**
- **Concluding Sentence that repeats Example #1**

Paragraph 3: Example Paragraph #2

- **Topic Sentence Example # 2 (from the Introduction)**
- **3 Examples that prove your Topic Sentence**
- **Concluding Sentence that repeats Example #2**

Paragraph 4: Example Paragraph #3

- **Topic Sentence Example #3 (from the Introduction)**
- **3 Examples that prove your Topic Sentence**
- **Concluding Sentence that repeats Example #3**

Paragraph 5: Conclusion

- **Topic Sentence (Main Idea for your paper)**
- **Example Sentence #1 (Subtopic)**
- **Example Sentence #2 (Subtopic)**
- **Example Sentence #3 (Subtopic)**
- **Concluding Sentence that repeats the Main Idea**

Remember that after you have your ideas down in this format, you can make your writing stronger by combining sentences, varying sentence structure, and using a thesaurus to locate powerful words.

My Dog, Romeo

My dog, Romeo, is the best pet anyone could have. He is beautiful and easy to care for. Playing with him is lots of fun. He always takes care of me. There isn't a better pet anywhere.

Romeo is a beautiful tricolor Sheltie. He is mostly black with white and a bit of brown. Caring for him is easy because I simply have to make sure he has fresh water and food every day. I exercise him by throwing his toys. Romeo is a good pet because he is nice looking and doesn't require much care.

Romeo is lots of fun to play with. He loves to play catch. He follows me around the house with a toy and drops it on my foot so I will kick it. He can catch just about anything, but his favorite is chasing a Frisbee. I really have fun playing with Romeo.

Romeo takes care of me. He always follows me when I leave a room. When I am sitting on the couch he plops down right beside me. When we are outside in the woods he always makes sure that I keep up with the rest of the family. He always watches out for me.

As you can see, Romeo is a great pet. I am proud of him and he doesn't require much care. Playing with him is always enjoyable. He watches over me and keeps me safe. Romeo is absolutely the best pet anyone could even have!

Written collaboratively with 4th grade students about Mrs. Barnard's dog, Romeo.