

PREPARING A FIVE PARAGRAPH ESSAY
(BACHELOR LEVEL COURSES)
***THIS REPORT COUNTS AS 10 PTS OF YOUR GRADE**

YOUR PAPER SHOULD BE TYPED (DOUBLE-SPACED) ON ONE SIDE OF EACH PAGE ONLY.

THE FIRST PARAGRAPH OF THE ESSAY SHOULD BEGIN WITH AN OPENING STATEMENT OF INTEREST. IT SHOULD CONTAIN THREE POINTS THAT ARE TO BE DEALT WITH THROUGHOUT THE ESSAY. PARAGRAPHS TWO THROUGH FOUR SHOULD DEAL WITH THE THREE POINTS MENTIONED IN THE FIRST PARAGRAPH.

THE FOLLOWING IS AN EXAMPLE OF A FIRST PARAGRAPH:

It seems that preparing to be a teacher is more than just knowing the material to be taught. This course has taught me that I need to be able to deal with each student in a different manner, that patience it is a vital necessity for a teacher to possess, and that teaching the lesson is only a small part of the work that teachers have to do.

(NOTE THAT EACH POINT BEGINS WITH THE WORD “THAT”.)

THE NEXT FOUR PARAGRAPHS SHOULD DEAL WITH EACH INDIVIDUAL POINT YOU MENTIONED IN THE FIRST PARAGRAPH. YOU NEED TO USE A DIFFERENT PARAGRAPH FOR EACH POINT. YOU SHOULD USE TRANSITIONAL WORDS TO INTRODUCE EACH PARAGRAPH, SUCH AS: TO BEGIN WITH, IN ADDITION, AND ALSO.

THE LAST PARAGRAPH IS A CONCLUDING PARAGRAPH AND SHOULD SUMMARISE WHAT YOU STATED IN THE FIRST PARAGRAPH. ONCE AGAIN, YOU LIST ALL THREE POINTS THAT YOU HAVE DISCUSSED IN YOUR ESSAY.

EXAMPLE OF THE LAST PARAGRAPH IN OUR EXAMPLE:

In conclusion, I learned a great deal from this course. I had always thought of the teaching as an easy job with summers off. Wow, was I mistaken! I did not realize that one had to be a psychologist in order to teach. Evaluation of each student’s personality has to be considered as well as learning that patience is a vital part of teaching. The mistaken idea that the job was easy was just that—a mistaken idea. The work involved is almost overwhelming. I know now that one really has to be called by God in order to be able to teach.