

Expository Essay Checklist

1st Paragraph:

_____ Hook

_____ Thesis Statement with a Magic Three (the three main ideas you will write about)

2nd Paragraph:

_____ Transition

_____ 1st Main Idea (followed by a period)

_____ Three Supporting Details with Elaboration

3rd Paragraph:

_____ Transition

_____ 2nd Main Idea (followed by a period)

_____ Three Supporting Details with Elaboration

4th Paragraph:

_____ Transition

_____ 3rd Main Idea (followed by a period)

_____ Three Supporting Details with Elaboration

5th Paragraph:

_____ Transition

_____ Rephrase the Thesis Statement with the Magic Three (the three main ideas you wrote about).

_____ Add one or two more sentences (try a circular ending).