**How to Write An Essay-8th Grade**

**Writing essays can be daunting sometimes. However, with this template, students should be able to write a proper historic essay at any point in class.**

**There are three parts of the essay: introduction, body, and conclusion. The introduction and conclusion are very similar, except the writer has to re-word the introduction as the conclusion.**

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| **Part of the essay** | **Definition** |
| **Introduction** | The **introduction** is your answer to the question without going into detail. It’s supposed to grab the reader’s attention.  **Example: Question:***Argue the Bill of Rights and its importance to the U.S. Constitution. Use examples.*  ***Introduction:*** *The Bill of Rights is important to the U.S. Constitution because it guarantees individual rights for Americans. The Anti-Federalists, who wanted guaranteed rights………”*  *A writer CANNOT just say “The Bill of Rights is important”…..and end it there.* ***WHY*** *is it important??* |
| **Body** | Depending on the size of the essay, this can range from one paragraph (especially if only a 2-3 paragraph essay is required), to three (on an essay that’s like a paper).  The **body** is supposed to include detailed examples to back up your answer. These must include accurate, historic examples or the essay is not **credible,** or trustworthy.  **Example**: *Several amendments are in the Bill of Rights that protect Americans. The most important one is the First Amendment, which gives people the freedom of speech, religion, and the right to peacefully protest.*  *Use other accurate examples, too! If a writer just writes, “the amendments are important. They help people,” then this body paragraph is weak.* ***WHY*** *are they important….****HOW*** *do they help people?* |
| **Conclusion** | The **conclusion** re-states your introduction to the essay. You are summarizing what you just wrote. However, the best way to conclude an essay looks something like this:  **Example:** *The Bill of Rights has numerous freedoms for Americans to enjoy. Thanks to the Anti-Federalists, our Founding Fathers added this to the U.S. Constitution. These first 10 amendments, including the First and Fourth, protect Americans from unruly dictatorships.* |