

**“Identifying Essay Parts”**

Use what you know about the format of an essay to identify its major parts. Complete the following:

- Underline all topic sentences in red.
- Underline all supporting detail sentences in blue.
- Underline all example sentences in green.
- Underline all opinion sentences in yellow.
- Circle the summary / conclusion sentences with a regular pencil.
- Put a star next to the thesis statement.
- Put a triangle next to all transitional phrases.
- Draw two lines under the hook statement.

**Popcorn**

Do you like the buttery taste of popcorn? I do! It's great! There are many different types of popcorn. There are also many brands of popcorn. You can enjoy this great treat in many different places. Of all the snacks in the world, popcorn is my favorite.

There are different types of popcorn. Many people like crackerjacks. For example, if you go to a baseball game you will see hundreds of people with crackerjacks. If I were at a baseball game right now, I would be stuffing crackerjacks into my mouth. Some people like salty, buttery popcorn. When I go to the movies, everyone is eating huge tubs of delicious popcorn. It my favorite! Your mouth will overflow with the many different types of popcorn.

In addition to the many varieties of popcorn, there are also many different brands of popcorn. One brand is Orville Redenbacher. Orville Redenbacher has a salty, buttery flavor. During summer camp, we sang a song about popcorn, and two of my favorite words in the song were Orville Redenbacher! (I think the name is cool too.) Another brand of popcorn is Newman's Own. Newman's Own comes in many different flavors. I especially enjoy their butter flavor because it reminds me of going to the movies with my friends. Picking the right brand of popcorn when you walk down the snack aisle in the store is difficult.

Besides the many different brands of popcorn, there are also many different places to enjoy this wonderful treat. One of my favorite places is during a sleepover. Once, when I was sleeping over at a friend's house, her mom put out two bowls of popcorn on the table while we watched a movie. The popcorn was terrific! There just never seemed to be enough to satisfy our craving for it. We were as hungry as bears coming out of hibernation. Another place you can find popcorn is at a street fair. One day my friend and I went to the local street fair in South Pasadena. We bought bags and bags of the delicious kettle corn that they sold there. It was fun! Eating popcorn makes the time you spend at a place so much more enjoyable.

If you have a blank space on your grocery list, fill it in with popcorn. There are many different flavors and brands of popcorn. There are also many different places to eat this favorite American treat. POPCORN is the best!

## Descriptive Essay

### Brainstorm

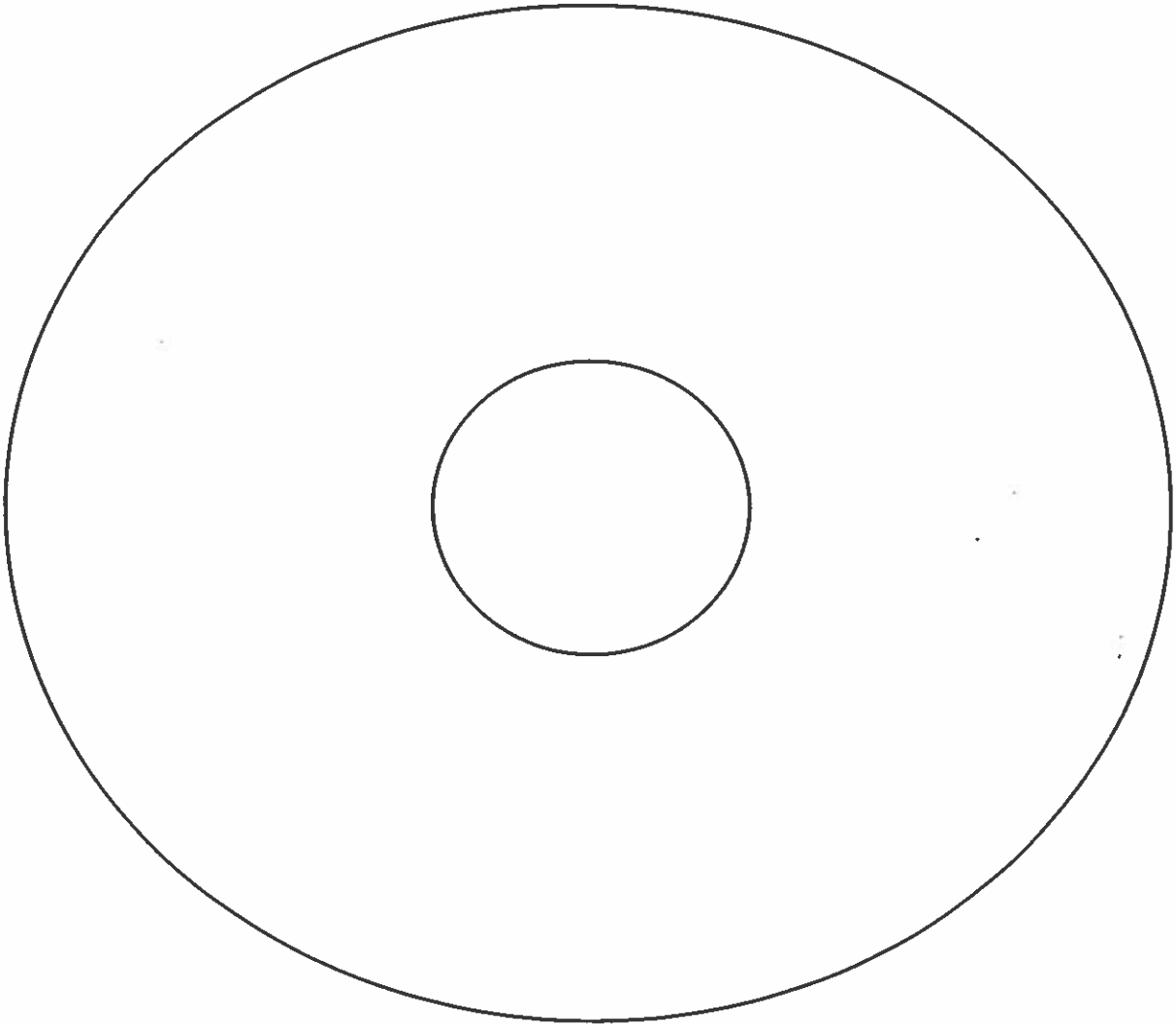
Use this form to organize your ideas for your descriptive essay. You must have three specific detailed subtopics and at least two specific examples/supporting evidence for each subtopic.

Come up with a specific hook sentence that clearly and simply introduces the reader to your main topic. Then write a framework topic sentence that introduces your three subtopics. Finally end your introduction with a strong big idea thesis statement.

When writing, first write in simple sentences to make sure you are writing complete thoughts that make sense and get across your ideas clearly. When revising revisit those sentences looking for ways to vary your sentence structure, use adjectives, adverbs and vivid verbs in each sentence as well as metaphors, similes, hyperbole and personification when possible to bring to the reader's senses the examples. You must transition between subtopics and have a clear summary statement for each subtopic that restates your main opinion for that subtopic.

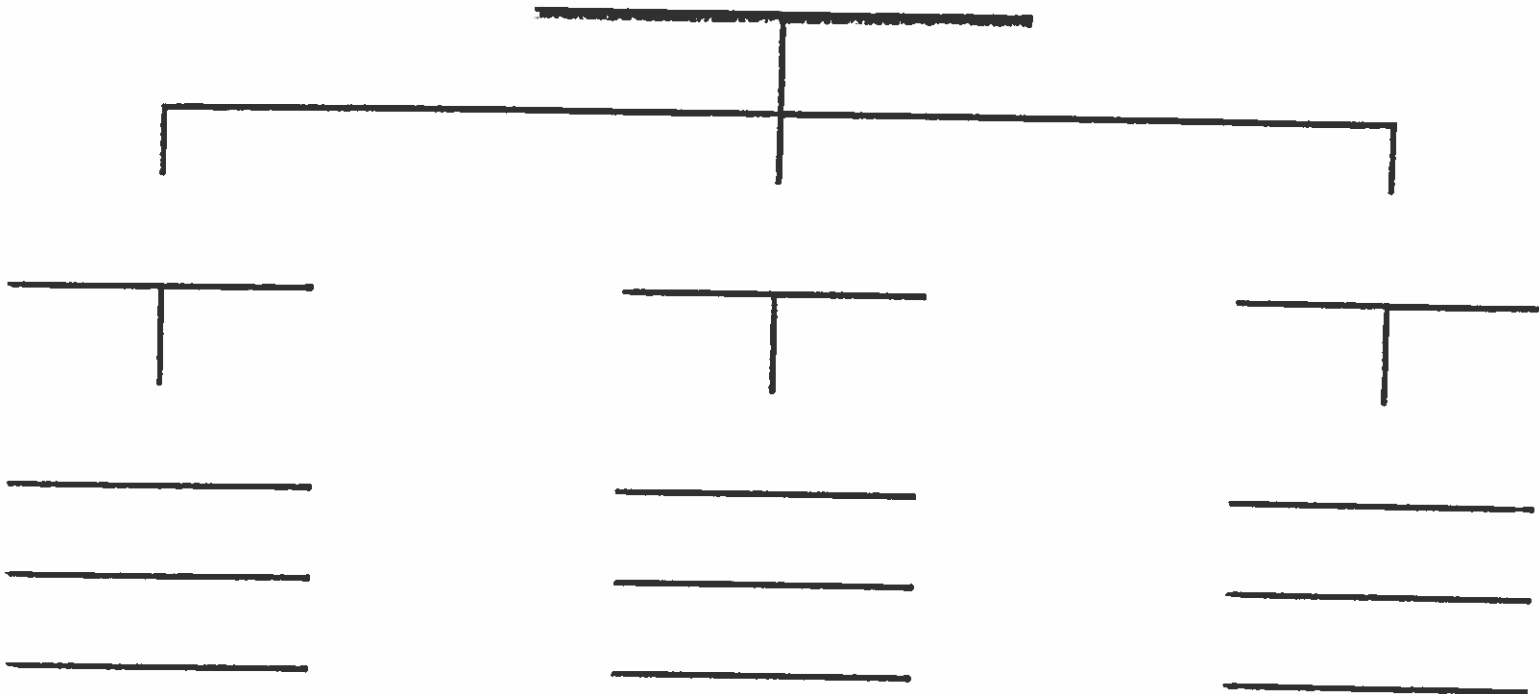
Finally you must write a clear summary of your thesis, restate your framework topic sentence, and leave the reader with a strong concluding sentence about your in your conclusion. Check spelling and grammar.

BrainDump About possible topics here:



Circle your favorite topic that you already know enough about to write a 5 part essay.

Now complete the Classifying Tree Map with your topic, subtopics, supporting examples/evidence (E's).



Tree Map for Classifying

Title:

Main Topic:

Thesis:

Subtopic 1:

Supporting detail 1:

Example/Evidence/Explanation

Personal thought/opinion of E -1:

Supporting detail 2:

Example/Evidence/Explanation

Personal thought/opinion of E -2:

Subtopic 2:

Supporting detail 1:

Example/Evidence/Explanation

Personal thought/opinion of E -1:

Supporting detail 2:

Example/Evidence/Explanation

Personal thought/opinion of E -2:

Subtopic 3:

Supporting detail 1:

Example/Evidence/Explanation

Personal thought/opinion of E -1:

Supporting detail 2:

Example/Evidence/Explanation

Personal thought/opinion of E -2:

## Editing Checklist

### Introduction

- A hook, (Get the reader's attention by asking a leading question; relay something enticing about the subject in a manner that commands attention. Start with a related quote, alluring description, or narration).
- Three clearly defined subtopics in a framework topic sentence.
- State the thesis "big idea" about topic clearly.

### Body Paragraph 1: Subtopic: 1

- Transition (To begin, First of all, etc.)
- Simple topic sentence
- Subtopic detail 1: One of my favorites ...
- Supporting evidence (examples, facts, statistics, quotes, details, reasons)
- Opinion statements (The reason I like...)
- Subtopic detail 2: Another of my favorites ...
- Supporting evidence (examples, facts, statistics, quotes, details, reasons)
- Opinion statements (I think...)
- Summary statement (Obviously \_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_)

### Body Paragraph 2, Subtopic 2:

- Transition (In addition to \_\_\_\_\_, Secondly, Besides \_\_\_\_\_)
- Simple topic sentence
- Subtopic detail 1: (One reason ...)
- Supporting evidence (examples, facts, statistics, quotes, details, reasons)
- Opinion statements (The reason I like...)
- Subtopic detail 2: (To the contrary ...)
- Supporting evidence (examples, facts, statistics, quotes, details, reasons)
- Opinion statements (I think...)
- Summary statement (Clearly \_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_)

### Body Paragraph 3, Subtopic 3:

- Transition (Last but not least, \_\_\_\_\_, Finally, Most importantly, \_\_\_\_\_)
- Simple topic sentence
- Subtopic detail 1: (An example of this is \_\_\_\_\_ ...)
- Supporting evidence (examples, facts, statistics, quotes, details, reasons)
- Opinion statements (The reason I like...)
- Subtopic detail 2: (Another example is \_\_\_\_\_ ...)
- Supporting evidence (examples, facts, statistics, quotes, details, reasons)
- Opinion statements (I think...)
- Summary statement (There is no doubt that \_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_)

### Conclusion:

- Concluding transition: (In conclusion, On the whole, To conclude...)
- Restate your thesis in a fresh way.
- Rephrase your framework topic sentence (main subtopics)
- Make a memorable final statement.

Editing/Revising:

Did you:

Put your name, date, and student number on the paper?

Did you include a title?

Did you double space the writing?

Did you indent every paragraph?

Did you write neatly and legibly?

Use Descriptive language (adjectives, adverbs, metaphor, simile, hyperbole, personification)?

Include at least one compound sentence and vary your sentence structures?

Fix any spelling errors?

Correct any run-on or fragmented sentences?