

ACT Essay Paragraph Order

1. Introductory paragraph
 - a. Hook
 - b. Thesis statement with at least three reasons
2. Body paragraph #1
 - a. Discuss the first main reason/idea
 - b. Supporting details and examples
3. Body paragraph #2
 - a. Discuss the second main reason/idea
 - b. Supporting details and examples
4. Body paragraph #3
 - a. Discuss the third main reason/idea
 - b. Supporting details and examples
5. Counterargument
 - a. You acknowledge the other side of your argument
 - b. You confirm that your viewpoint is still the best
6. Conclusion
 - a. Summarize you main points
 - b. Reiterate (=restate) your thesis