

3) Provide details.

Be detailed and specific so that as you write your paragraphs and form an essay, you discuss every part of the thesis. Guide the reader through the main points you will be presenting. Depending on the length of your assignment, your details will vary. For the standard 5-paragraph composition, provide three items; each of these will be the topic of the main three paragraphs in your essay. Make sure you stick with the information in your thesis. Sometimes when you get to the end of your paper you realize focus has shifted to prove another point. Your thesis can then be adjusted to work with the information you have discovered. Remember to reiterate in a thoughtful and concise conclusion what you have proven to your readers.

Broccoli + provides a rich staple for every diet + because of its versatility, nutrient value, and seasonality.
Topic Controlling idea 3 Details

Once you have your goals and thesis for the paper, you can then go through your essay with this as the “backbone.” For example, an outline would look like this:

1. Intro to broccoli, description, why it is valuable. Tastes great with cheese.
End with thesis sentence.
2. Broccoli and its versatility
 - a. Physical description
 - b. Where it is grown and eaten
 - c. Ways to cook broccoli and incorporate into the diet
3. The human diet and nutrient value
 - a. What people need to eat in general
 - b. Vegetable to carb to protein ratio
 - c. Studies show broccoli as a crucial vegetable to most diets

1. Vitamins

2. Minerals

4. Seasonality

- a. What the farmers say
- b. Broccoli can be eaten all year long
- c. Broccoli can be eaten by people all over the world

5. Conclusion

- a. Broccoli is found to help any diet
- b. Eating broccoli helps decrease the likelihood of a variety of illnesses
- c. The experts agree, and so do I, so go eat some broccoli today

See how you explore, in order, the aspects of your thesis? This provides something of a timeline or sequencing for what you are writing. I like the idea of “backbone” because you will start at the head and end up at the feet, and then put action to what has been proven in the paper.

Tips On Content

Use quotes from experts and original sources.

Be clear and precise in your details and examples.

Bring back all your evidence to proving the point from your thesis.

As you begin forming your thesis, think about WHY you are writing this paper. Why did you choose these topics? What kind of worldview is being exposed, and what can the audience get from you gleaning this information? What kind of action do you want to

draw out and how do you want your audience to act upon this information? Give your readers some meat to chew on.

Also, assume your reader has no information about the topic other than what you provide. Make sure you provide enough information and direct quotes so your audience understands what points you are making.