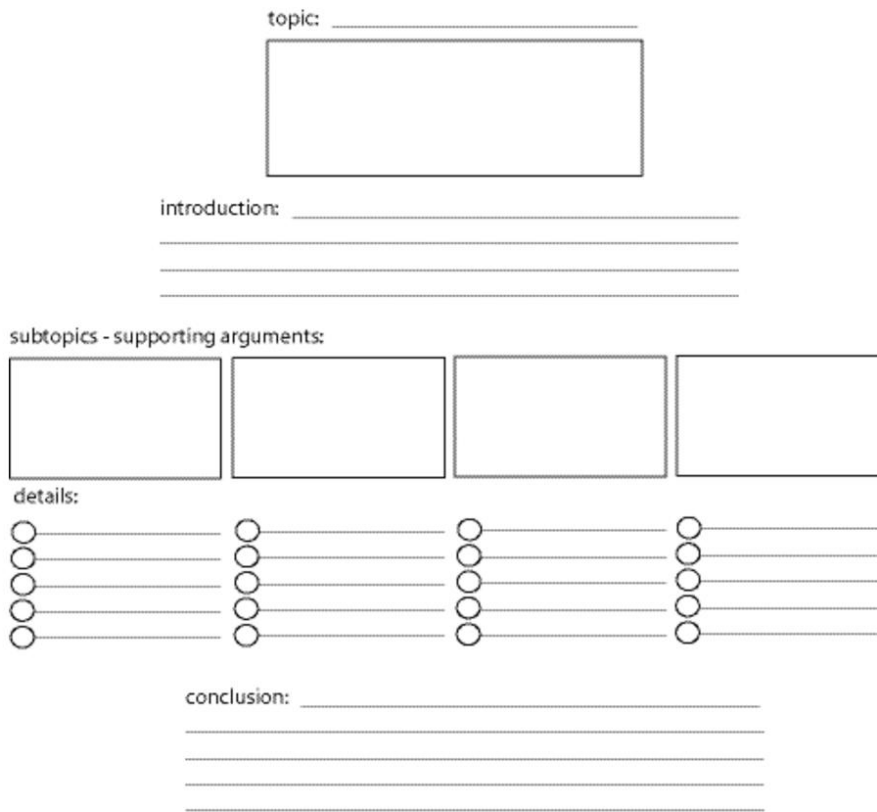


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### ACADEMIC ESSAY STRUCTURES & FORMATS

Standard American argumentative essays begin with an **introduction** that gives a main point (**thesis**). The thesis is supported by a series of **body paragraphs** with sub-points, and the essay ends with a **conclusion**. Below is a visual representation of this structure, adapted from the Seattle University Writing Center; on the back is an example of the typical format for an academic paper.

paper idea diagram



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