

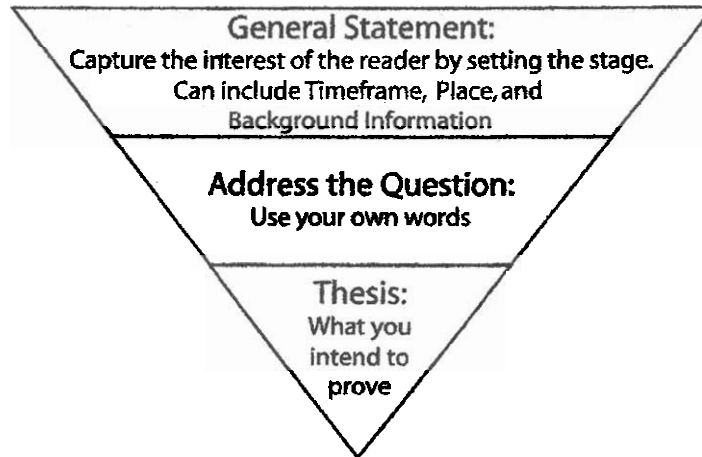
Writing a Social Studies Essay

Introduction

Do's

Introduction:

- Read the question carefully. Answer the question asked (not what you wish was asked)



Don'ts

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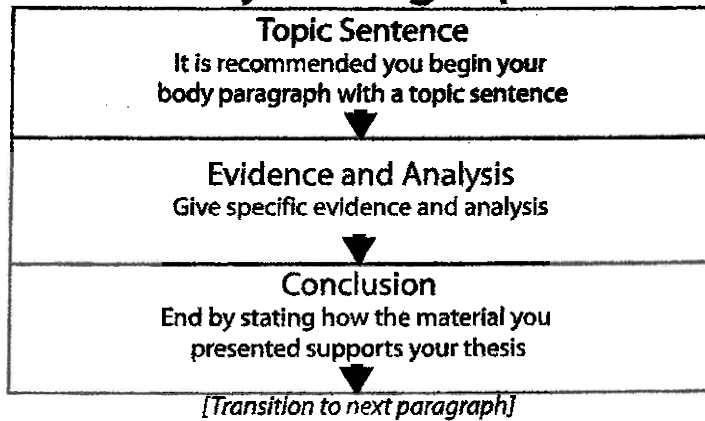
- No personal pronouns (I, you, our, etc.)
- No documents in the introduction

Body Paragraphs

Do's

Body Paragraphs:

- Focus on one or two ideas per paragraph
- Treat each body paragraph as a mini essay with an introduction, body and conclusion



Don'ts

Body Paragraphs:

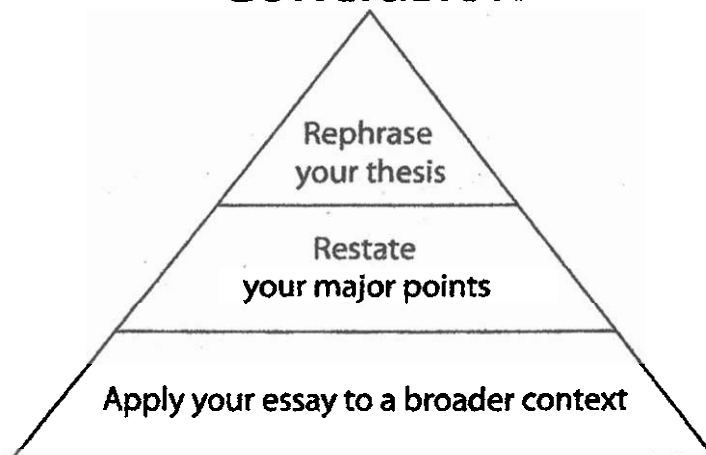
- No tangents (stick to the topic)

Conclusion

Do's

Conclusion:

- Check to see that your introduction agrees with your conclusion



Don'ts

Conclusion:

- Don't start with "In conclusion"
- No new evidence or ideas in conclusion