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## Structuring Your Essay

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- INTRODUCTION
  - Introduce the problem
  - Define key terms
  - State the thesis
    - Stems from good question
    - Tentative answer is “hypothesis”
    - Refine hypothesis into thesis
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- THE BODY
  - How is the paper organized?
  - Paragraphs
    - Topic sentence (mini-thesis)
    - Argument supporting topic sentence
    - Transition to next mini-thesis
  - Arguing in paragraphs
    - Mini-thesis
    - Evidence
    - Analysis (what does evidence support?)
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- Conclusion
  - Re-state the thesis
  - Significance of thesis (why should we care about the problem?)