How to write a five-paragraph essay?

A five-paragraph essay consists of five-paragraphs, hence the name: five-paragraph essay. {5}

We use this format because the written portion of the BEC portion of the CPA Exam requires a format similar to a five-paragraph essay.

***What is a paragraph?***

A basic **paragraph** structure usually consists of five sentences: the topic sentence, three supporting sentences, and a concluding sentence. But the secrets to **paragraph** writing lay in four essential elements, which when used correctly, can make a okay **paragraph** into a great **paragraph**.

[**The Secrets to Good Paragraph Writing - Time4Writing**](http://www.time4writing.com/writing-resources/paragraph-writing-secrets/)

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Please follow these guidelines when writing a paragraph.

***What is a five-paragraph essay?***

Simply put, it is five paragraphs.

Here is a description:

**Outline your five-paragraph essay; include these elements:**

**Introductory Paragraph**

General Topic Sentence: **memorable present**

1. Subtopic One: **the reason it was given**
2. Subtopic Two: **a description of it**
3. Subtopic Three: **how you felt when you got it**
4. (Transition)

**First Supporting Paragraph**

1. Restate Subtopic One
2. Supporting Details or Examples
3. (Transition)

**Second Supporting Paragraph**

1. Restate Subtopic Two
2. Supporting Details or Examples
3. (Transition)

**Third Supporting Paragraph**

1. Restate Subtopic Three
2. Supporting Details or Examples
3. (Transition)

**Closing or Summary Paragraph**

1. Synthesis and conclusion of the thesis
2. Rephrasing main topic and subtopics.

**Write the essay!**

Think small; build the full essay gradually.  
Divide your essay into sections and develop each piece separately and incrementally.

[The Five Paragraph Essay](http://www.studygs.net/fiveparag.htm)

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Here is a video that may help:

[five Paragraph Essay Outline - Common Core Standards ELA - Flocabulary](https://www.flocabulary.com/unit/five-paragraph-essay/)

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Please let me know if you have any other questions.

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***If this is not clear, or you need any assistance, please let me know.***

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