

# Writing Guidelines

## Structure:

We are writing topical essays. Your essay should have an **introduction** and a **conclusion**. The introduction should include a *thesis statement*---your argument reduced to one sentence.

The building blocks of essays are paragraphs. A paragraph represents a distinct step within an argument. There's no rule that a topic sentence must come at the beginning of each paragraph, but that's what readers are used to, and that's what they find easiest to follow. In a good essay, each paragraph should have some logical connection to the one before it.

Careful proofreading and revision are crucial parts of the process of completing any essay.

[A good reference](#)

[An example of good structure](#)

## Wording:

Choose wording that clearly expresses your ideas. Make sure that the subject and verb match; check number and tense.

## Grading:

All essays will be graded according to the following [guidelines](#).

## Examples from last semester's EGM 180 class:

[The Assignment](#)

[Example Thesis Statements for Analysis and Discussion](#)

[Examples of unclear/ungrammatical wording](#)