

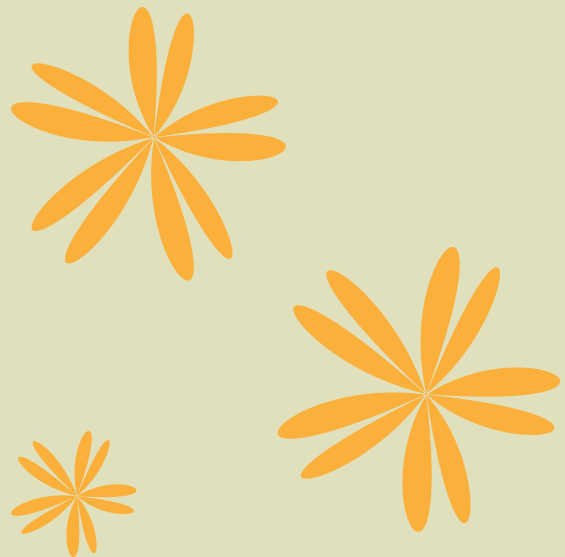
INTRODUCTIONS

DEFINITION:

The introductory paragraph is the first paragraph of the essay. It introduces the topic and the author's position or argument.

CHECKLIST:

- Introduce the title and author
- Thesis statement



CONCLUSIONS



DEFINITION:

The Conclusion is the final paragraph of the essay. It begins by restating the thesis statement. The conclusion then summarizes the essay's main points before leaving the reader with a final *epiphany*. This epiphany is a "so-what" statement.

CHECKLIST:

- restate thesis
- summary of main points
- final epiphany or the "so what" statement