

## **Basic Essay Structure**

### **I. Introduction or Thesis**

#### **A. Introduction**

- 1. Something that grabs a reader's interest.**
- 2. Provides a context for the subject.**
- 3. Establishes a common ground between you and a possibly skeptical reader.**
- 4. Use of a quotation or anecdote.**

#### **B. Thesis**

- 1. State a unifying idea for the paper.**
- 2. Preview the structure of the essay.**

### **II. Body of Essay**

#### **A. Reason or support # 1**

- 1. DPE – Data, proof, and evidence (examples, statistics, or authoritative researchers).**

#### **B. Reason or support # 2**

- 1. DPE – Data, proof, and evidence (examples, statistics, or authoritative researchers).**

#### **C. Reason or support # 3**

- 1. DPE – Data, proof, and evidence (examples, statistics, or authoritative researchers).**

**\*Always remember: the more DPE to support your position, the better!**

### **III. Conclusion**

**A. Suggest a broader significance of the unifying idea.**

**B. Provide a sense of completion.**