How to write essays

1. Choose a question.
2. Choose three or more topic for paragraphs (each must answer the question in a different way).
3. Write beginning and ending sentences on EACH paragraph (including introduction and conclusion).
4. ALL beginning sentences must include the topic of the paragraph and the question.
5. ALL concluding sentences must include the topic of the paragraph and explain how the question has been answered.

**INTRODUCTIONS:**

* 1. Introductions should begin with the topic and include what the question is about – **persuasive essays need a hook at the start**
  2. Then they need to sum up all points
  3. Then you need a sentence that leads into the rest of the essay:
* It is important to discuss…
* These points…
* The topic of … explores the importance…
* This essay will clearly reveal…

**(PERSUASIVE) BODY:**

1. **Connective phrase.**
2. **Argument**
3. **Elaboration**
4. **Concluding sentence**

**CONCLUSIONS:**

1. All conclusions should begin with a statement that explains how you have answered the question.
2. Then you need to sum up how you have answered the question in each paragraph.
3. **Persuasive = call to action**
4. Then you need an ultra-concluding sentence:

* Thus, it is clear…
* This clearly indicates that…
* These facts all add up to…
* Therefore, it can be seen that…

**Hints:**

* You get extra marks for sophisticated language and the ability to phrase sentences well. Don’t just write down slang – try to use fancy language.
* Structure is VERY important in essays. Even if your information isn’t very good, often a good structure can get you a ‘B’ grade…
* Follow these steps and you WILL get good marks.