

The main claim (thesis) of your piece is the thread. Follow this thread throughout your writing piece. Each paragraph with a reason should connect to the main thread.

Introduction

Attention grabber

Background information

Claim at the end

Body paragraphs

Reason/warrant statement

Evidence (examples)

EXPLANATION/CONNECTION: This connects to _____
(claim) because _____

Conclusion

Re-state main claim and reasons

So what? Why should the reader care?