Essay Structure

Introduction

In your opening sentence, introduce the subject and capture your reader's attention; then the paragraph should gradually narrow to a very specific thesis sentence.

Body

Conclusion

The concluding paragraph, in direct contrast to your introductory paragraph, should begin with the specific point and broaden to a general or universal application of your point.
FIVE PARAGRAPH ESSAY OUTLINE

I. INTRODUCTION
   A. General statements
      1. Lead-in Sentence:
      2. Narrowing (Supporting) Sentences:
   B. Thesis Statement:

II. BODY
   A. Paragraph 1 Topic Sentence: (Transition)
      1. Subtopic 1: (Transition)
         (a) Detail 1:
         (b) Detail 2:
      2. Subtopic 2: (Transition)
         (a) Detail 1:
         (b) Detail 2:
      3. Subtopic 3: (Transition)
         (a) Detail 1:
         (b) Detail 2:
   B. Paragraph 2 Topic Sentence: (Transition)
      1. Subtopic 1: (Transition)
         (a) Detail 1:
         (b) Detail 2:
      2. Subtopic 2: (Transition)
         (a) Detail 1:
         (b) Detail 2:
      3. Subtopic 3: (Transition)
         (a) Detail 1:
         (b) Detail 2:
   C. Paragraph 3 Topic Sentence: (Transition)
      1. Subtopic 1: (Transition)
         (a) Detail 1:
         (b) Detail 2:
      2. Subtopic 2: (Transition)
         (a) Detail 1:
         (b) Detail 2:
      3. Subtopic 3: (Transition)
         (a) Detail 1:
         (b) Detail 2:

III. CONCLUDING PARAGRAPH (Transition)
   A. Restatement of Thesis Sentence (in other words) – OR –
      Paraphrase of Main Ideas:
   B. Your Dramatic Final Thought or Opinion: