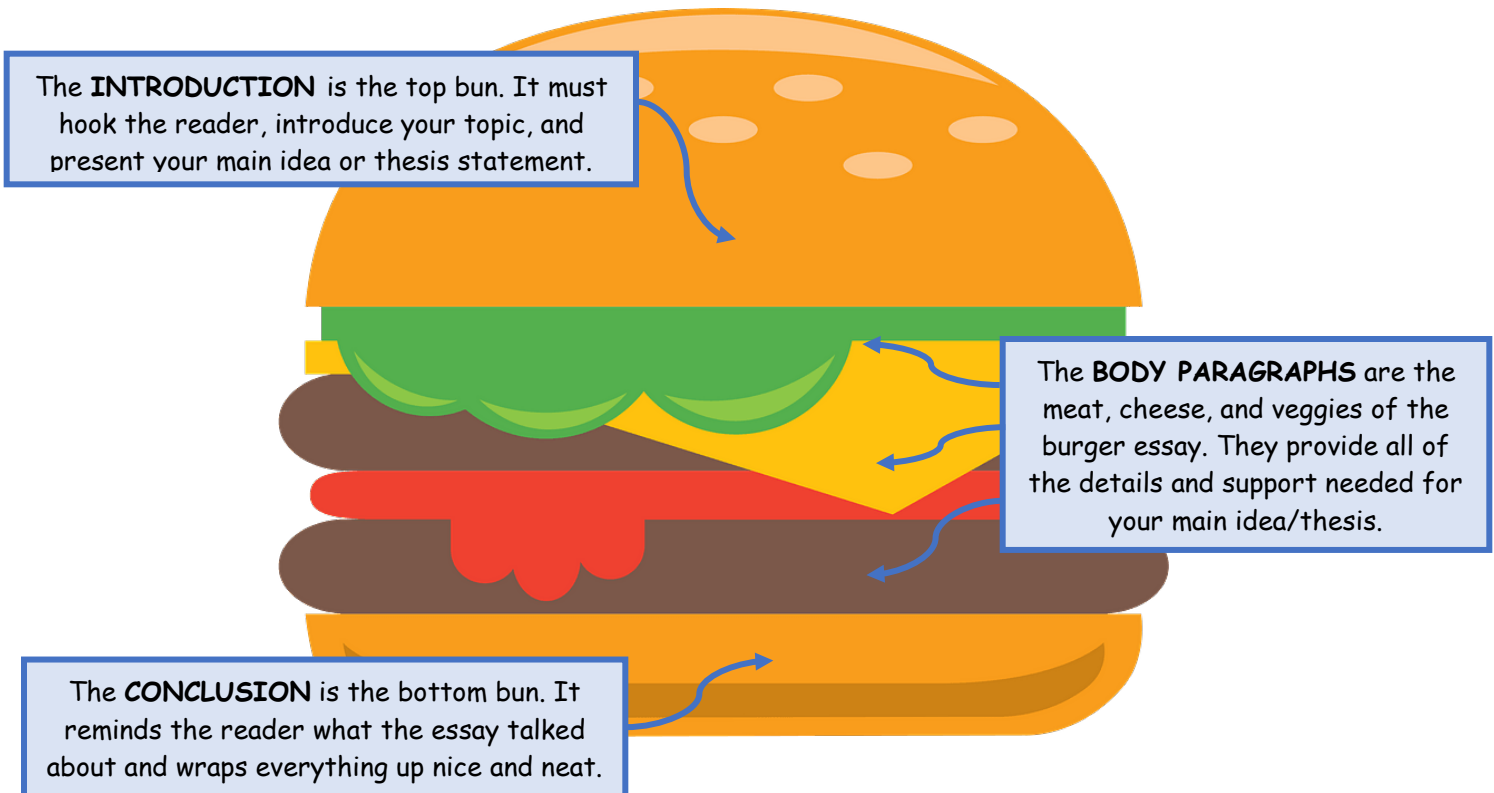


## 5-Paragraph Essay Structure

Picture a burger. You're probably thinking of a patty, cheese, and some veggies between two sesame seed buns. The buns alone aren't a burger - that's just bread! And if you get rid of the buns, you just have a weird salad. All of the components together are what make it a burger.

It can be helpful to think of an essay like a burger:

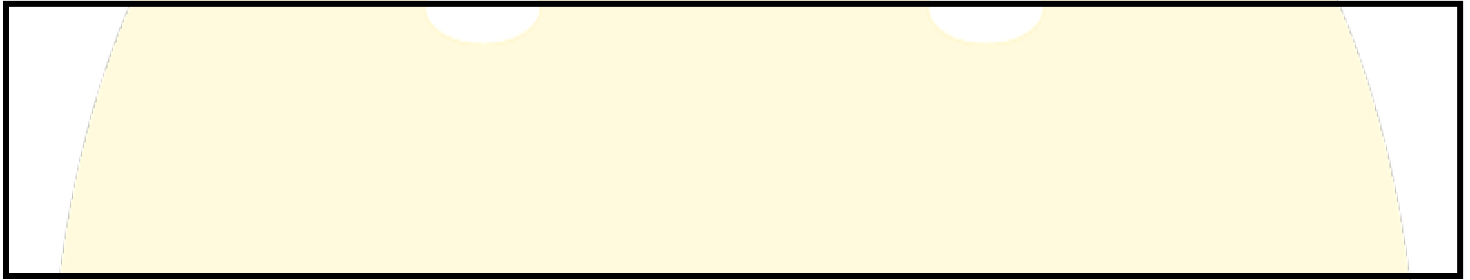
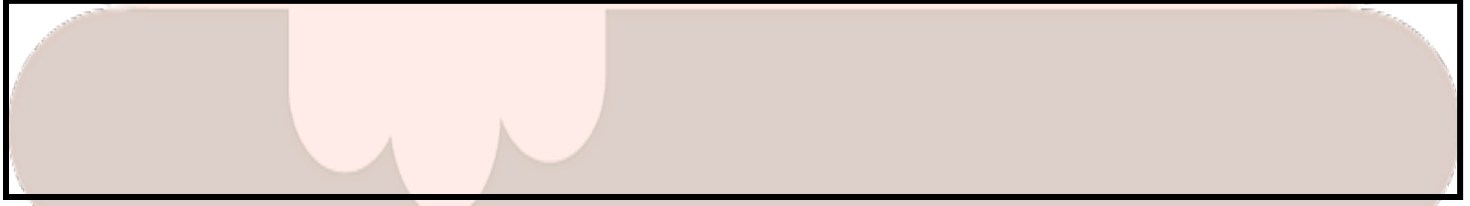



When we write an essay, all of its parts must be cohesive and make logical sense as a whole. They should work together to express and support the main idea - just like how two buns, a patty, cheese, and veggies come together to make a juicy and delicious burger!

And remember, if you order a burger, you don't want to bite into it and find the lettuce has been replaced with chocolate pudding. In the same way, don't surprise your readers with off-topic paragraphs. An essay about *Romeo and Juliet* probably shouldn't contain a paragraph about replacing a car battery... that would be like finding chocolate pudding in your burger!

# 5-Paragraph Essay Practice

Use the burger format to start structuring your paper!  
Introduction + 3 Body Paragraphs + Conclusion = One Tasty Essay!

A large, light yellow semi-circle representing the top bun of a burger. It contains several white circular spots. A black rectangular box is overlaid on the bottom portion of this bun.A layer of light green lettuce with a scalloped edge. A black rectangular box is overlaid on the top portion of this layer.A layer of yellow cheese with a scalloped edge. A black rectangular box is overlaid on the top portion of this layer.A thick, brown, oval-shaped layer representing the burger patty. A black rectangular box is overlaid on the top portion of this layer.A layer of light pink tomato slices with a scalloped edge. A black rectangular box is overlaid on the top portion of this layer.A large, light yellow semi-circle representing the bottom bun of a burger. A black rectangular box is overlaid on the top portion of this bun.