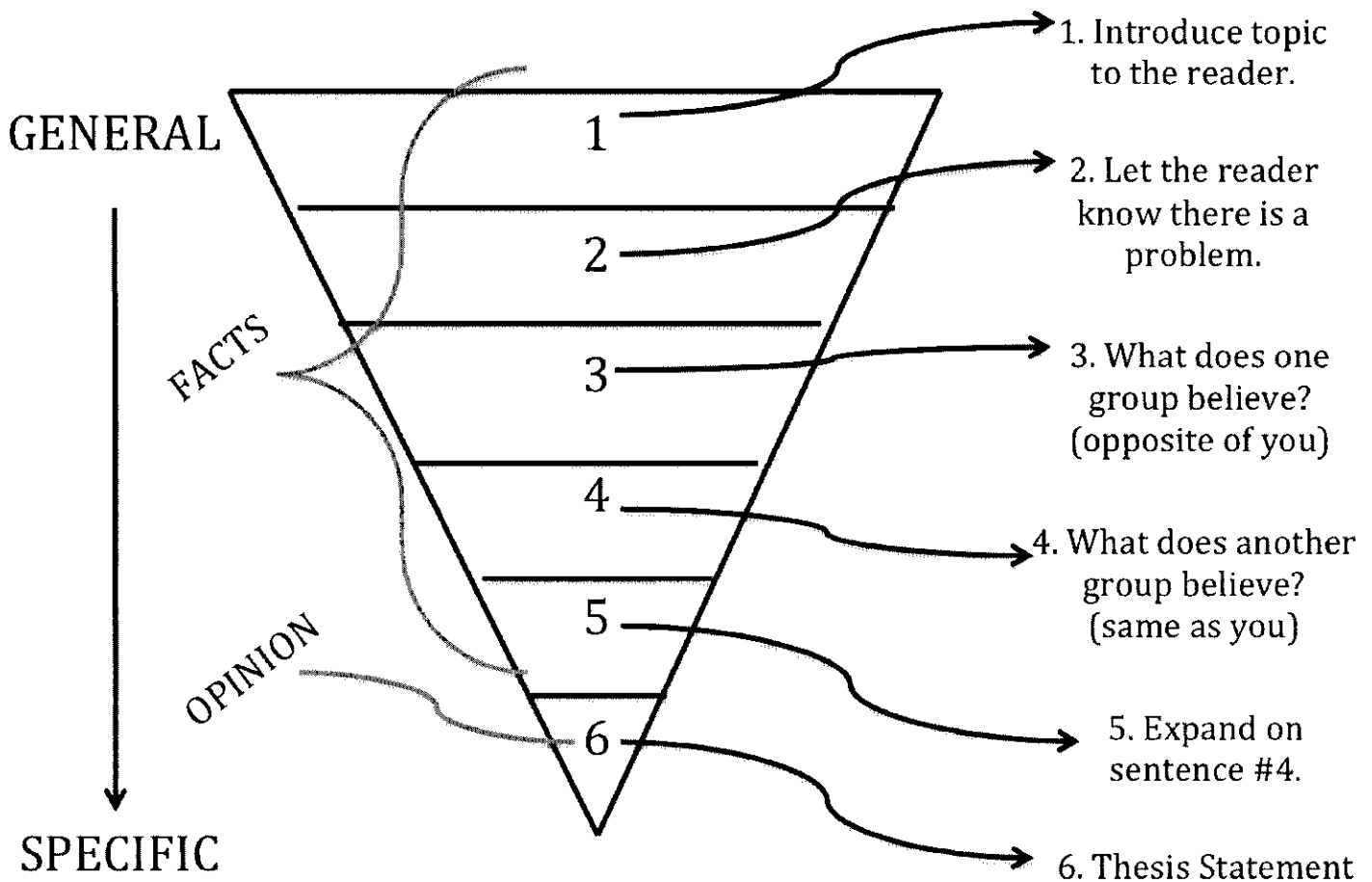


Introductory Paragraph Do's and Don'ts

- Your introductory paragraph must be at least 6 sentences in length.
- All of your sentences must be a **FACT** except...
- Your Thesis Statement must be **OPINION**.
 - The Thesis Statement is the *answer* to the prompt and must be the last sentence in your Introductory Paragraph.
- No 1st person!
- Inverted Pyramid: Write from general to specific with the most specific sentence being your Thesis Statement.



Body Paragraphs

Things you need to know before beginning:

- There are at least 3 body paragraphs.
- Each body paragraph must follow the same formula and use the same transitions.
- Each body paragraph must be 11 sentences long. If there are not 11 sentences, then you did not follow the formula!
- In each body paragraph, there are only 3 FACTS (called Concrete Details or Evidence)!

The Body Paragraph Formula:

Sentence #1	[Topic Sentence] (opinion)	<i>(Body 1): One reason why...</i> <i>(Body 2): Another reason why...</i> <i>(Body 3): Yet another reason why</i> <u> (repeat THESIS STATEMENT here!) </u> _____ is because _____ _____
Sentence #2	[Concrete Detail] (fact)	<i>For example,</i> _____ _____
Sentence #3	[Commentary] (opinion)	This sentence is an opinion about the concrete detail (fact) .
Sentence #4	[Commentary] (opinion)	This sentence is an opinion about the concrete detail (fact) .
Sentence #5	[Concrete Detail] (fact)	<i>In addition,</i> _____ _____
Sentence #6	[Commentary] (opinion)	This sentence is an opinion about the concrete detail (fact) .
Sentence #7	[Commentary] (opinion)	This sentence is an opinion about the concrete detail (fact) .
Sentence #8	[Concrete Detail] (fact)	<i>Furthermore,</i> _____ _____
Sentence #9	[Commentary] (opinion)	This sentence is an opinion about the concrete detail (fact) .
Sentence #10	[Commentary] (opinion)	This sentence is an opinion about the concrete detail (fact) .
Sentence #11	[Conclusion] (opinion)	This sentence is an opinion that <i>sums up</i> your paragraph and transitions into the next paragraph.

Conclusion Paragraph

(Things to Remember)

- Conclusion paragraph must be at least 40 words long.
- The conclusion paragraph must sum up the essay as a whole.
- The conclusion paragraph must restate the thesis.
- The conclusion paragraph is all **opinion**.