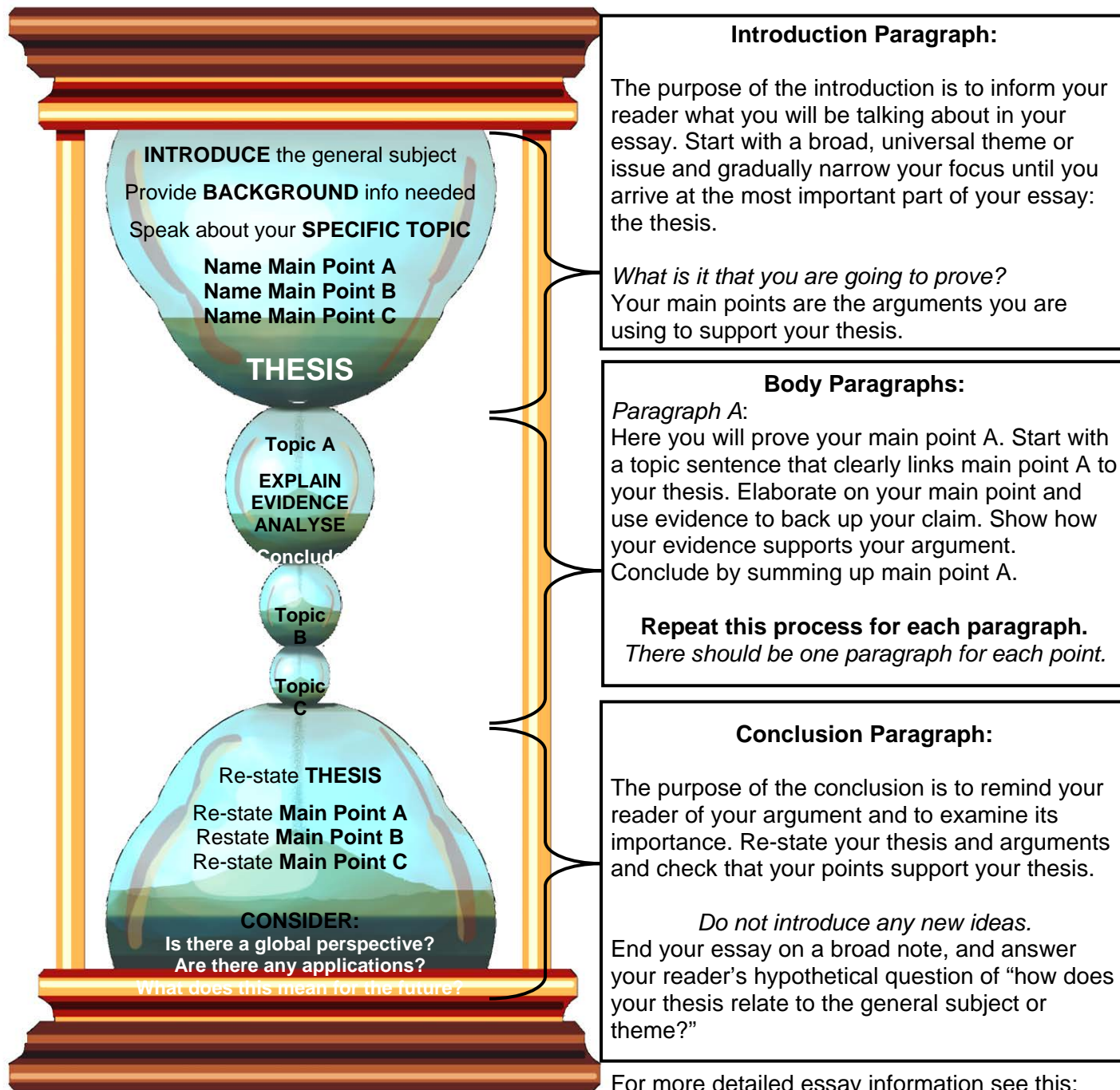


Structuring Your Essay

You may be uncertain about how to organize their essay. Having a good structure helps the reader to remain connected to the ideas and follow the flow of information. This method of organization uses the shape of an hourglass to represent the focus of the essay, widening and narrowing as the reader is guided through the argument. This technique will not work for all essays, but it can easily be adjusted.



For more detailed essay information see this:
<https://courses.kpu.ca/mod/resource/view.php?id=156238>

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Sample Outline

Introduction Paragraph:

Broad theme: _____

Specific topic: _____

Main point A: _____

Main point B: _____

Main point C: _____

Thesis: _____

Paragraph A:

Paragraph A will prove: _____

Concepts relating to main point A: _____

Paragraph B:

Paragraph B will prove: _____

Concepts relating to main point B: _____

Paragraph C:

Paragraph C will prove: _____

Concepts relating to main point C: _____

Conclusion:

Re-state thesis: _____

Why is main point A important? _____

Why is main point B important? _____

Why is main point C important? _____

Why is your argument important?

