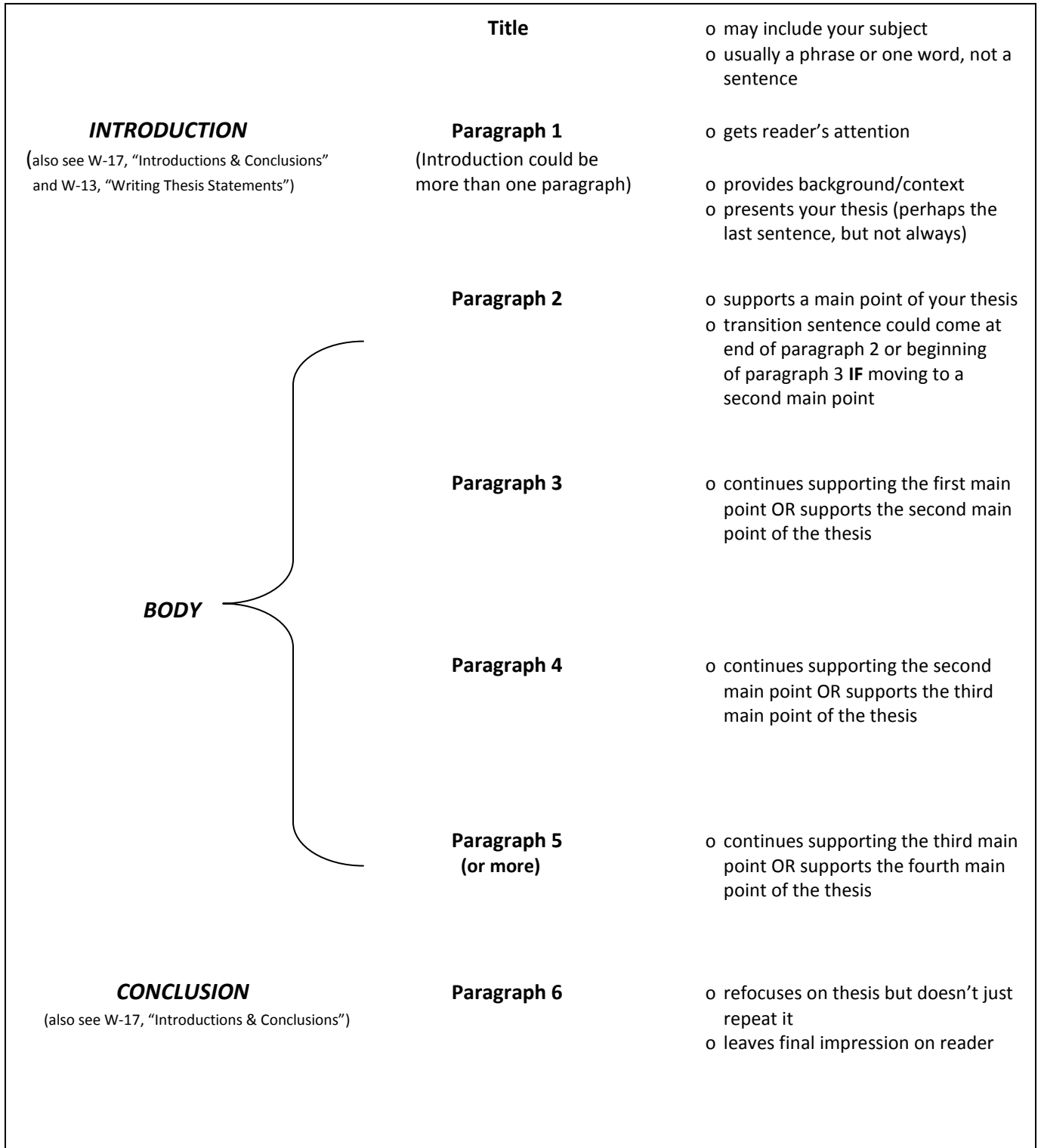


Basic Essay Structure & the Writing Process

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A Basic Essay Structure*



* NOTE: There is no rule for the number of paragraphs an essay must include. The number of paragraphs is determined by the number of main points being made and the amount of support for each point.

For the *Writing Process Steps*, continue 

Follow the Writing Process Steps

Writing is a **process**. It involves several interrelated activities that result in a finished piece of writing. These steps involve gathering and analyzing ideas and information, figuring out your main point, planning your writing, and then writing, revising, editing, and proofreading your paper. When you give yourself time to do all these activities, you will usually produce far better writing than if you try to finish a paper in one sitting.

In addition to giving yourself time to write a paper, your writing can also improve when you **share your thoughts, ideas, and writing with others**. Getting other peoples' perspectives can be useful during any of the writing steps—from gathering information and ideas; to formulating your main idea; to planning, revising, and editing your work.

So let's look more closely at each of the writing process steps.

