Basic Essay Structure

I. Introduction or Thesis

A. Introduction
   1. Something that grabs a reader’s interest.
   2. Provides a context for the subject.
   3. Establishes a common ground between you and a possibly skeptical reader.
   4. Use of a quotation or anecdote.

B. Thesis
   1. State a unifying idea for the paper.
   2. Preview the structure of the essay.

II. Body of Essay

A. Reason or support # 1
   1. DPE – Data, proof, and evidence (examples, statistics, or authoritative researchers).

B. Reason or support # 2
   1. DPE – Data, proof, and evidence (examples, statistics, or authoritative researchers).

C. Reason or support # 3
   1. DPE – Data, proof, and evidence (examples, statistics, or authoritative researchers).

*Always remember: the more DPE to support your position, the better!

III. Conclusion

A. Suggest a broader significance of the unifying idea.

B. Provide a sense of completion.