

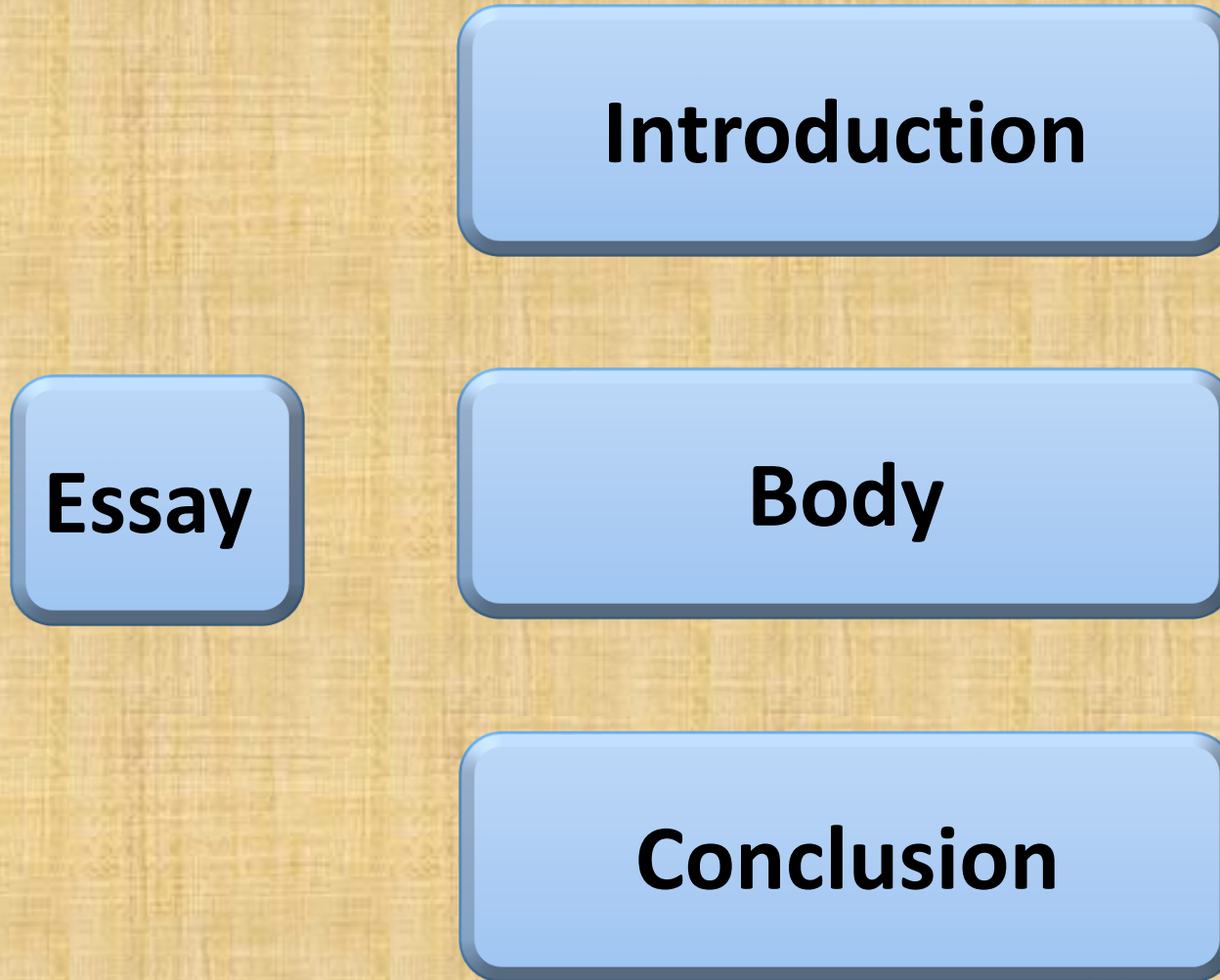
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ESSAY WRITING



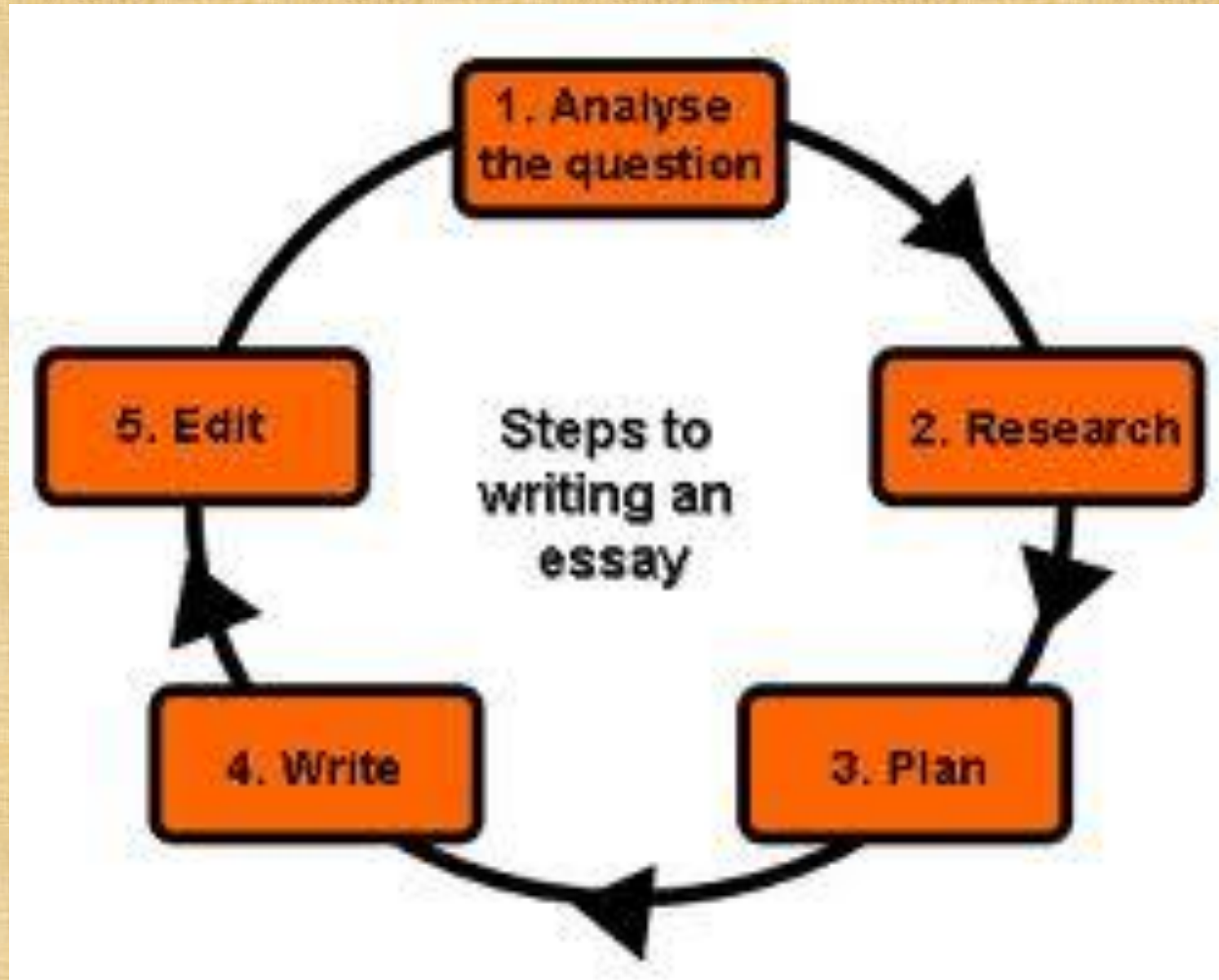
Introduction

Essay

Body

Conclusion

Main structure



The introduction

- Is usually the first part of the essay
- Can be more than one paragraph

It's role:

To explain the topic to catch the reader's attention

Summary Information: a few sentences explaining your topic in general terms

To focus on the thesis statement

the single, specific claim that the essay supports

To explain the main steps to follow

the outline (according to the thesis statement)

The introduction

It usually begins with...

**General remarks about the topic
(requires a background knowledge)**

**Questions that will be answered in
the essay**

The introduction

The structure

General
remarks

Precise thesis statement

Indicates the purpose

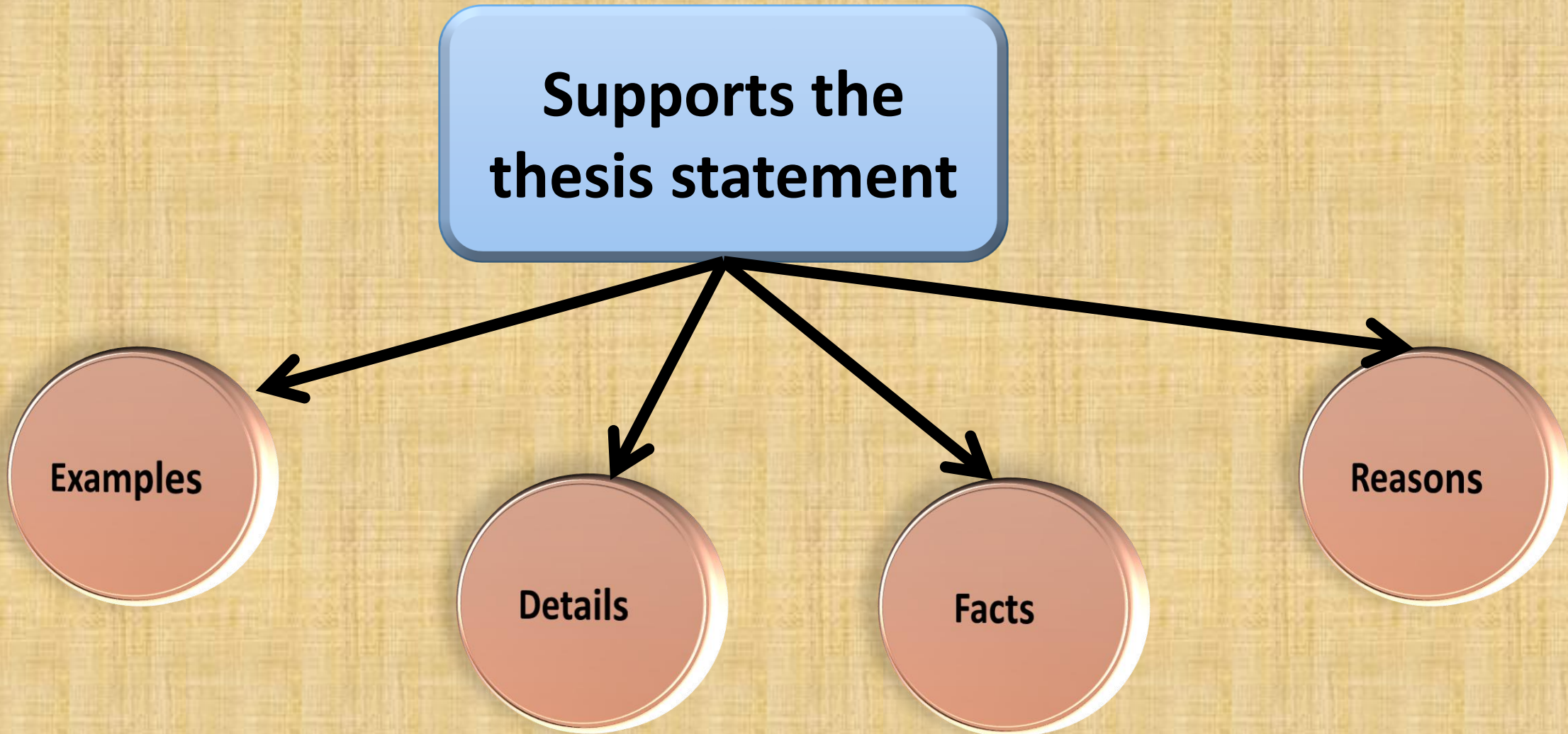
to
explain

to
persuade

The introduction in a nutshell

- Begins with general remarks
- Defines the topic
- Sets the tone
- Ends with a focused thesis statement

Structure of the body of the essay



Main content of the body of the essay

It contains supporting information for the thesis statement (arguments, details...).

The number of paragraphs will vary according to the thesis statement.

It should have enough support to explain/defend the thesis statement **thoroughly** and **adequately**.

The conclusion

It is the final paragraph that completes the essay.

It may be used to summarize the ideas presented in the essay.

It reminds the reader of the thesis statement.

It should not bring totally new ideas or ideas that are not related to the thesis statement.

It should leave an opening for further research.

GENERAL STRUCTURE OF AN ESSAY

