**Structure of an Essay**

1st Paragraph – Introduction Paragraph

* 1st sentence introduces the topic
* 2nd, 3rd, and 4th sentence explain the major points that you will cover in the body paragraphs
* 5th sentence concludes these ideas

2nd Paragraph – Body

* 1st Sentence introduces 1st major point from introduction
* 2nd, 3rd, and 4th sentence gives supporting details from major point
* 5th sentence concludes 1st major point

3rd Paragraph – Body

* 1st Sentence introduces 2nd major point from introduction
* 2nd, 3rd, and 4th sentence gives supporting details from major point
* 5th sentence concludes 2nd major point

4th Paragraph – Body

* 1st Sentence introduces 3rd major point from introduction
* 2nd, 3rd, and 4th sentence gives supporting details from major point
* 5th sentence concludes 3rd major point

5th Paragraph – Conclusion

* 1st Sentence re-states topic sentence from introduction paragraph
* 2nd, 3rd, and 4th sentence re-state major points discussed in body paragraphs
* 5th sentence concludes essay

**Example of a structured 5 paragraph essay:**

 I think that dogs are the best. Dogs are friendly. Dogs can cheer you up when you are sad. Dogs can go outside and play with you when you are bored. This is why dogs are awesome.

 Dogs are very friendly. They are playful and nice to you. They can be calm when trained. When they are loyal to you they will not bite you. The friendliness of dogs makes people love them.

 Dogs can cheer you up when you are sad. They can come try to play with you when you are crying. If you don’t feel well, they might come to lay with you. They sometimes go to hospitals to cheer up sick patients. Dogs help cheer people up when they are down.

 When you are bored, dogs can accompany you outside. You can play fetch with your dog. You can play Frisbee. You can also play fight with them! There are many things you can do outside with your dog.

 Dogs are the best pets for many reasons. They are friendly and make people happy. Dogs can cheer you up when you are sad. They can play with you when you are bored. Everyone should have a dog!