

ACDORT, TIDE, AND CONCLUSION Acronym Breakdown Exemplar

This handout is designed to help you understand the order of an ACDORT, TIDE, and CONCLUSION essay as well as give you an example of what each sentence should look like.

ACDORT Paragraph

A-This stands for the attention grabber. This sentence instantly grabs the attention of the reader. You can use a **quote, bible verse, song, etc.**

C- “**many debate whether or not...**” is used within the connection sentence.

D-This stands for the definition. You will select one word that define what you're about to discuss in your paper.

O- **many believe.**

R- The stem used for this is **there are a myriad of reasons why...,but the most important three include:**

T-This stands for the transition sentence. This sentence will lead the reader into your TIDE paragraph. The stem used for this sentence: **First and foremost,...**

TIDE Paragraphs

T- This stands for Topic Sentence. Your topic sentence is one of your reason you listed in your ACDORT paragraph. When being your TIDE paragraph with a Topic sentence it must be restated differently.

I- This stand for Important Detail. The important detail is the quote from the text. There are several **stems** you will use when referencing a quote those are:

- 1) **According to the text**
- 2) **The author stated**
- 3) **Based on the text**

Remember you will do this two times. That is why we say TIDIDE.

D- This stands for Detailed Examination. The detailed examination is you explaining the quote you selected. There are several **stems** you will use when referencing your explanation a quote those are:

- 1) **This demonstrated**
- 2) **One can infer**
- 3) **This tell readers**

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E- This stands for End Sentence. The end sentence is the last sentence in your TIDE paragraph. **Each end sentence contains a different ending for each paragraph. Those endings are:**

- **TIDE One: Not only, reason one, but also reason 2 (you're introducing reason 2)**

- **TIDE Two: Restate your opinion statement from your ACDORT because reason 1, reason 2, and reason 3.**
- **TIDE Three: Even though many recognize that reason 1, reason 2, and reason 3, many believe...(This is where your opinion statement is listed.)**

ALL SENTENCES IN THE TIDE WILL LOOK ALIKE EXCEPT YOUR END SENTENCE WILL CHANGE WITH EACH TIDE PARAGRAPH. THERE IS ONLY THREE TIDE PARAGRAPHS.

CONCLUSION Paragraph

The conclusion is the last paragraph of your essay. This paragraph consist of just three sentences. There are two stems used in this paragraph.

A) Many do not believe... (insert the O from ACDORT)

B) This statement is a fallacy because... (list your 3 reasons)

C) Therefore, restate your opinion statement