Question:
How is an academic composition like a sandwich?

Answer:
The meat is in the middle.
1. Bread on top: introduction
2. Meat in the middle: body
3. Bread on the bottom: conclusion

What's the most important part?
1. **Bread on top: topic sentence**
   - Interest the reader in your topic
   - Tell the reader what the composition will be about

2. **Meat in the middle: the support sentences**
   - Tell the reader about your topic

3. **Bread on the bottom: concluding statement**
   - Remind the reader of your main point(s)
   - Leave the reader with something to think about.

**What's the most important part?**
Paragraph to Composition

Paragraph → Composition

Topic Sentence → Introduction paragraph

Supporting Sentences → Body paragraphs

Concluding Sentence → Conclusion paragraph
Introduction

Body Paragraph #1

Body Paragraph #2

Conclusion

thesis statement

re-statement of the thesis

topic sentence

topic sentence
There is nothing I love more than summertime in Iowa. After being cooped up all winter, summer brings freedom. When I think of summer, I think of time spent near water and long days.

During the hot days of summer in Iowa, I can spend as much time as I can near water. I enjoy all of the public pools in town and also go fishing and swimming in the lakes and rivers outside of town. The summer light always sparkles on the water's dancing waves. It's a dance that attracts me to water all summer long. The days of summer are so long that there is always opportunity to get out and enjoy some water.

It seems like I hardly sleep in the summer. The sun doesn't go down until nine or ten and even then it's usually too hot to sleep. The sun comes on strong early in the morning as if it were nature's alarm clock. Even when I go to work early and get off late, there's always enough light left to enjoy the day. While the winter's cold and dark forces us to bed early and makes us want to sleep in, the summer sun calls us out and gives us time to spare.

I enjoy the summertime in Iowa. The only good thing I can say about winter is that it makes me appreciate summer all the more.
Brainstorm!

Tourist activities:
- Zoo
- Air show
- Museums
- Parks
- Shopping
- Restaurants
- Concerts (music)
- Pumpkin patch
- Sports teams
- Many hotels
- Lakes

Other reasons:
- Not expensive (low cost of living)
- Many churches
- Not a lot of traffic
- 4 seasons
- Diverse cultures
- Safe & clean
- Friendly people!
- Not crowded
- Lots of car dealers
Partner Check

Does my partner's composition......

• have four paragraphs?

• have an introduction with a clear thesis statement?

• have one body paragraph for each idea in the thesis statement?

• have a conclusion that summarizes the main ideas?

• have any sentences that I don't understand?
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Start writing here -- don't forget to indent the first line of every paragraph.

Skip lines so the teacher can make corrections.

Write only on the front of each page.

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Format for Type-written Compositions

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Type the body of the composition here. It should be double-spaced.

The margins of the page should be one inch, top, bottom and sides. The font should be Times New Roman, Arial, or some other easy-to-read font, size 12.

Do not use bold, ALL CAPS or italics except where appropriate.