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LESSON 1

Work that at first seems complicated can be simplified if it is broken down into smaller, more manageable tasks. Such is the case when writing a multi-paragraph essay. An essay has just three parts: the **introduction**, the **body**, and the **conclusion**.

You can remember the parts of an essay by picturing the layers of a hamburger. The top bun of a hamburger represents the **introduction**. A hamburger's filling of tomato, lettuce, and meat represents the **body** of an essay. The bottom bun of a hamburger represents the **conclusion**.

Look at the diagram of the hamburger below. Think about how the three parts of an essay are represented by the layers of a hamburger. On the lines below, write the name of the part of an essay that corresponds to each layer of a hamburger.

PARTS OF AN ESSAY	LAYERS OF A HAMBURGE

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PROMPT

Think of a subject that you would like to see offered as an elective at your school. Explain why you believe this class would be beneficial to students.

GETTING STARTED 1) Consider skills that students need to have in today's world. 2) Think about what types of classes would appeal to a wide range of student interests. 3) Select a subject that has enough content to last for one semester of the school year.

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PROMPT

Think about an event in your life that seemed bad at first but turned out to be good.

GETTING STARTED 1) Think of events in your life that fit the prompt. 2) Determine what made the event change from bad to good. 3) Consider what you learned as a result of this experience.

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PROMPT

What are the similarities between painting and writing?

GETTING STARTED 1) Think about the creativity involved in each activity. 2) Determine if similar tools are used in each process. 3) Consider the amount of talent it takes to do each one.

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