

The body paragraphs could be presented

- In **chronological order**,
- In **order of importance**,
- According to **some other structuring principle**, or
- With a **combination** of these plans.

“ In my essay about what happened on the night of my prom, I decided to organize my essay chronologically according to what happened first, second, and third that night. ”

**Thesis:** Unfortunately, my senior prom was a disaster.

**Topic sentence #1:** I thought I had everything arranged well **in advance** of the night of the prom.

**Topic sentence #2:** My date was forgiving enough until we arrived fifteen minutes **late at the four star French restaurant** where I had made reservations months in advance.

**Topic sentence #3:** By the time we **arrived at the prom**, my date was barely speaking to me.

Peer Example

Example of Chronological Order



Tony

“ In my essay about reading the newspaper, all my points about the newspaper are important, so I chose to base the order of importance upon most obvious to least obvious importance. I started with the most obvious benefit of the newspaper, which most people would agree is the news. Less obvious, but just as important, is the background information the newspaper provides. Least obvious, but most important to me, is the connection to the community the newspaper provides. ”

**Thesis:** The daily newspaper provides a valuable source of information. Not only does it report the news, but it provides valuable background information that helps us understand how our world works, and it connects us to our community and culture.

**Topic sentence #1:** **Reading the daily news** makes us better citizens by informing us about international, national, and local news.

**Topic sentence #2:** Almost as important as the news is the **background information** the newspaper supplies in order to give the news an understandable context.

**Topic sentence #3:** Most importantly, the newspaper offers us a **vivid connection to our community**.

Peer Example

Example of Order of Importance

Dan