**Essay Structure**

An essay is made up of 5 parts:

1. Introduction
2. Main body point 1
3. Main body point 2
4. Main body point 3
5. Conclusion

**Introduction**

* Gives context/background
* What is the essay about?
* Outline the problem you are trying to resolve
* Tell the reader how you are structuring your argument
* Share the main point (topic sentence) of your 3 main points

**Body**

* Main part of the essay which contains your argument
* Each point is a separate paragraph and must include a topic sentence

In each paragraph you

* Introduce your point (topic sentence)
* Explain your point
* Give supporting evidence (from the text as direct or paraphrased quotes)
* Explain how the point and the evidence will relate to your essay topic/question

P.E.E. = point, evidence, explain.

**Conclusion**

* Restates the introduction
* Re-explains your 3 main points

**Essay Question: Romeo and Juliet**

ESSAY OPTION 1: who is responsible for the death of Romeo and Juliet?

Possible body points include:

* Romeo – he married Juliet in secret, he bought the poison from the apothecary.
* Juliet – she took the sleeping potion, she had other options (to go to Romeo)
* Friar – he told Romeo about an important plan through letter and not in person, he was the one who married them.
* Mercutio – he fought Tybalt and Romeo was banished in the ripple effect.

NOTE: You can only choose Romeo **OR** Juliet as one point in your body, not both.

NOTE: When you say that someone was responsible, you must say what they did to contribute to their death and **CLEARLY** state how it led to their death.

ESSAY OPTION 2: The play Romeo and Juliet is only about love.

Possible body points include:

* Romeo and Juliet met and married – balcony scene and this was the longest scene.
* The whole play is about their secret love.
* They kill themselves because they cannot be together.
* Discuss other themes in the play if you disagree, such as, hate, authority and loyalty.

NOTE: Each paragraph should have the last sentence linking back to your essay question.