**COMPOSITION STRUCTURE**

A **good composition** structure:

* Is made **easier** by **prior planning**.
* Makes it **clear** **how** you are going to address the question, **where** you are going and **why**.
* Sets out your **main ideas clearly**.
* Makes it clear how the **main ideas relate** to each other.
* Takes the reader through your answer in a **logical**, **progressive** way.
* **Organises** groups of related information in **paragraphs.**
* Uses **connecting words** and phrases **to relate** each point/idea to earlier and later points.

 **INTRODUCTION**

* **Arouse** the reader’s **interest**.
* **Set** the scene.
* **Explain** how you interpret the question set.
* **Define** or explain **key terms** if necessary.
* **Identify** the issues that you are going to explore.
* Give a **brief outline** of how you will deal with each issue, and in which order.

 **ARGUMENT/MAIN BODY**

Contains the **points outlined** in your **introduction**, **divided** into **paragraphs**:

Paragraph 1

* **Covers the first thing** you said you would address.
* The **first sentence** (the topic sentence) **introduces the main idea** of the paragraph.
* Other **sentences develop** the topic.
* Include **relevant examples**, details, evidence, quotations, references.

 Paragraph 2 and other paragraphs

* The **first sentence links the paragraph to the previous paragraph** then **introduces the main idea** of the paragraph.

**CONCLUSION**

* Draw everything **together**.
* **Summarise** the main themes.
* **State** your general conclusions.
* Make it clear **why** those conclusions are **important** or significant.
* **Do not** introduce **new material.**
* In the **last sentence**, **sum up** your argument very briefly, **linking** it to the title.
* **Suggest** further questions of your own.