



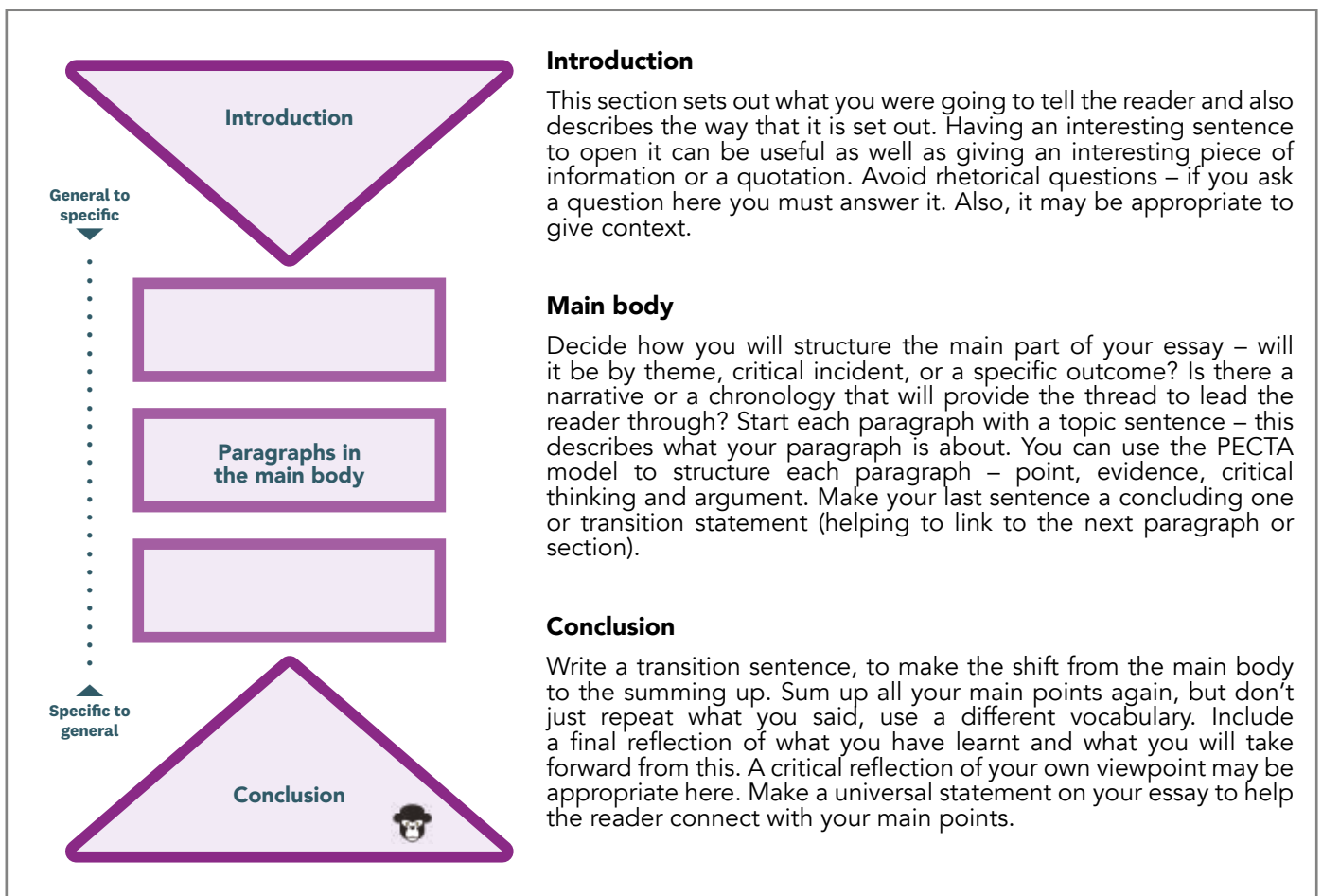
# ESSAY STRUCTURE

When you are ready to start writing your assignment (because you have started the research into the subject you are writing about including thinking, reading and discussing), you can start to think about how you will put your argument across to the reader. The clearer your writing is the easier it is for your reader to understand you. As well as your grammar and tone, how you structure your essay is an important consideration. Different types of assignment may have different structures but nearly always a written report will have

To write an effective essay, you need:

- An introduction: this will give the reader an idea of what your essay is discussing
- A main body: this usually takes the form of several paragraphs, each looking at a key point that you want to make. This is where you show your research and background reading by including other people's ideas and interpretations of the subject
- A conclusion: this gives the reader an overview of your argument and summarises what you have covered in the essay

**NB Always check your module guidelines for specific detail on how to structure your assignment pieces.**



## Additional Help

There are some models and tips that can help with academic writing such as the PECTA and PEEL paragraph structures, the Quotation Sandwich, and the Harvard Referencing Guide. See <https://www.musostudy.com/top-tips/> for more.