

ATOM (ACRONYM FOR INTRODUCTORY PARAGRAPHS)

**A (Attention/Articles/Authors) Grabs Attention and Names the Articles (Texts)/Authors upon which the essay is based
[two or three sentences]**

NOTE-This is not addressed specifically in the ODE Rubric, but it helps interest the reader in the essay, sets up the transition to the controlling idea/thesis, allows the student to establish an objective tone (informational/expository) or formal/dignified/partial tone (argumentative) for a scholarly audience, and fully-develops the paragraph.

**T & O (Thesis & Organization) Must address the task of prompt and purpose of essay; Dictates/Previews the order for the main points to be made in the body paragraphs
[one or more sentences]**

Multiple sentences will likely be needed when the prompt is based upon multiple readings.

M (MUGS/Style/Tone) Be sure you are using an objective tone (informational/expository) or formal/dignified/partial tone (argumentative) for a scholarly audience and have no errors in MUGS (mechanics, usage, grammar, and spelling).