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Start your introduction paragraph here and share some information about your background. Include information that is relevant to points you make later in the essay (your family, education, experiences, and so on).  The introduction paragraph is simply that: a way to introduce your writer to your topic. It should not be more than six or seven sentences. The final sentence of the introduction should be a clear thesis statement that share the focus of your entire essay with your reader.

The second paragraph is the first *body paragraph* of the essay. Explain which of the four backgrounds and motivations is the most closely related to your experience. (You have addressed this in your Unit 1 DB, so copy that part here to start and make whatever changes are necessary.) Describe your current situation, **or** your home life when you were younger, **or** your military experience and share how those experiences made you into the person you are today and how they motivated you to go to college.

 In the next body paragraph, discuss which of the six primary attitudes most closely fits your personality. (You have addressed this in your Unit 1 DB, so copy that part here to start and make whatever changes are necessary.)  Be sure to provide details and examples to explain why you think that attitude is “you” and show how that attitude helped you come this far in your college career.

For the last paragraph in the body of your essay, look forward in time to when you’ve finished your program at AIU.  Share what you hope to gain by completing your program at AIU and envision for your reader your overall goal.

The fifth and final paragraph is your conclusion. The conclusion paragraph “wraps” up your thoughts and provides the reader with a sense of closure. Remind your reader of your background and motivations, your attitude and orientation, and your overall goal. Then inspire us with a statement about how much your success means to you (and to whomever else is important to you).

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