

Introduction

The Wyvern is said to be one of the fiercest creatures ever to roam the earth. Legend says this dragon terrorized Europeans of old with its scorching breath, fearsome talons and razor like fangs. The following paragraphs will delve into the legend of the beast, describe the dragon's appearance, and analyze where it was said to live.

Characteristics of Introduction

First sentence – catch the reader's attention

Middle sentences – provide general information that keeps the reader engaged

Final sentences – state what you are going to write about (*thesis statement*)

Note: Do not mention yourself, “I,” or the reader, “you” in your paper.

Body Paragraph

One look at the Wyvern was enough to insight fear in the bravest knight. Its body was covered, head to tail, in impenetrable scales. Its head had a crown of rock hard bones to protect it from enemies. The dragon's eyes glowed like fire and its strong jaw was filled with razor sharp teeth. The Wyvern had two legs as large as tree-trunks and its feet contained five muscular toes each ending in a talon that could cut flesh with ease. The creature's leathery wings could flap hard enough to produce hurricane strength winds with each point containing another talon. Its tail was covered in spikes and acted as a deadly whip that smashed foes to the ground or wrapped around them like a python. It is no wonder this dragon was feared amongst the ancient Europeans.

Characteristic of a Body Paragraph

First Sentence – maintain interest and state what the paragraph will be about

Body Sentences – provide the information. Use sentences that *flow* well together and have good *fluency*.

Last Sentence – sum-up what you just wrote about and maintain interest

Conclusion

The Wyvern was a **dragon** that terrorized **Europeans** so much that the people of **Wessex** adopted the beast's image as their clan's symbol. Even though the creature has not been seen in many centuries, it will live on in **legend**. This dragon will rise again and again in movies and books for decades to come.

Characteristics of a Conclusion

- maintain interest and leave the reader with something to think about
- sum-up main ideas

example: **legend**, **appearance**, **location**