The Spider Essay
Parts of a spider essay

• Intro – tells the reader what the essay is about

• Detail paragraph 1
  – This is where you describe the spiders features

• Detail paragraph 2
  – This is where you describe the spider as a predator

• Closing Statement
  – This is where you answer the question: Why are spiders important?
Organizing the brainstorm

• Categorize the notes:
  – Let’s put the notes into similar categories
Divide your paper into 3 sections

- Section 1: Spider Features
- Section 2: Predators:
- Section 3: Benefits

Now we’ll look at our facts and decide what section (category) they belong in.
Introduction

• This is where you introduce what your essay is about.
• It’s like a topic sentence for an essay, but it usually is about 3-4 sentences.
• You need to “hook” the reader with your intro.
Example 1

this is my essay spiders They are neat. there are a lot of facts about them and my essay is how interesting spiders are.
Example 2

In this essay you will learn many facts about spiders and how interesting they are. Spiders are very cool. Their silk is stronger than steel. They can be venomous. There are 35,000 species.
Example 3

Spiders—the very thought of them makes most people shiver. But why? They really are fascinating creatures and we’re fortunate to have them on our planet.
Spiders are not insects because they have eight legs and two body parts and they have silk too because they trap flies with it and eat the flies with their fangs. Spiders stick to ceilings and there are a lot of them.
Paragraph 2 Example B

There are 35,000 species of spiders. There are 20 that are poisonous to humans. Spiders are strong. They have fangs and venom. They are hairy, too and they molt their hair. They have strong silk. They have an abdomen and thorax and they can stick to walls because of their hairy legs.
Spiders are really amazing creatures. They are incredibly strong. In fact, they can hold 170 times their body weight while hanging from a ceiling. Their silk is also quite strong—stronger than steel. Unfortunately some people often mistake spiders for insects. They’re not. Spiders have two body parts—the thorax and abdomen—and eight legs. Remarkably, there are 35,000 species of spiders, but only 20 are venomous to humans.
Spiders catch things in their web and eat it like flies and moths and things and the bite it with their fangs and kill it with their poison and eat a balanced diet and some eat fish and birds and big things like that most spiders are small some are big and some are medium like some wolf spiders.
Spiders are good at catching things because they have silk and venom. The silk makes a web and the web catches the bug. The venom kills the bug and then the spider eats the bug. Not all spiders catch things with silk. Spiders also eat a balanced diet and spit on things to eat.
It is hard to find a predator that is more fit to kill than spiders. It produces a special silk designed to trap and wrap up its victim (aka prey). Once a victim is caught, the spider kills it with venom and then spits a digestive juice onto it. This juice quickly turns the victim into mush. From there the spider slurps up its meal. Amazingly, spiders can be picky eaters. They are very much concerned with having a balanced diet. If a spider’s dinner one night is high in fat, then it will track down a healthier choice the next evening.
Without spiders, our planet would be in pretty bad shape. Insect populations would sky rocket, crops would be destroyed, and diseases would spread. Our Earth would be a lot uglier than some of the spiders we see crawling around. Fortunately we don’t have to worry about that. Spiders are here to stay whether you like them or not.