## Worksheet for a Four-Paragraph Essay

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1. THE INTRODUCTION: THESIS STATEMENT (CLAIM): A single sentence explains the purpose and approach of the essay –WHAT DO YOU WANT TO PROVE OR SAY.

Colombia is one of the most unique countries in the world!

MAIN POINTS: The essay's main points are introduced, often with one sentence for each. This often outlines the paper.

POINT 1: Colombia has some of the most diverse flora and fauna in the world

POINT 2: The culture here is vast and colorful

2. THE FIRST MAIN POINT: This paragraph addresses the first point listed in the thesis statement. Colombia has some of the most diverse flora and fauna in the world

POINT 1: over 130,000 plants

SUPPORT 1: Colombia has some of the most unique plants that only exist in Colombia such as the Encenillo Tree, Flor de Mayo Orchid, and the palma de cera

POINT 2: over 10% of the world's wildlife

SUPPORT 2: there are 45 species of mammals, 700 species of reptiles, more than 1800 bird species in Colombia, and hundreds of amphibians.

3. **THE SECOND MAIN POINT:** This paragraph addresses the second point listed in the thesis statement. The culture here is vast and colorful

POINT 1:

SUPPORT 1:

POINT 2:

SUPPORT 2:

4. THE CONCLUSION: The final paragraph summarizes the essay, often using wording similar to the introduction.

POINT 1: Colombia has some of the most diverse flora and fauna in the world

**POINT 2:** The culture here is vast and colorful

**CONCLUDING STATEMENT:** To conclude, Colombia shines above the rest as one of the most unique countries on our planet.

Sources:

http://www.colombia.lv/en/colombia/flora-and-fauna/