

**Nursing Leader Paper**  
**APSU Writing Center Handout**

Please follow your professor's specific guidelines. This handout is intended to help you understand the flow of paragraphs and provide a general example.

**Purpose of This Assignment**

This paper helps you understand how nursing leaders have shaped the profession and how their work connects to your future practice.

**Paragraph 1: Introduction**

In your introduction, include:

The full name of your nursing leader

A brief background (who they are, when they worked)

Why they are important to nursing

Also briefly introduce:

Why we should study nursing leaders

Why nursing history is important

(contextualize your paper)

**Paragraph 2: Contributions & Impact**

In this paragraph, explain:

What are their contributions to nursing practice?

How have they impacted nursing practice?

### **Potential Examples:**

Improved patient care methods

Established education standards

Pushed for advocacy

### **Paragraph 3: Future & Personal Impact**

In this paragraph, discuss:

- How could their contributions impact future nursing practice?
- How could their work affect your own or your group's future nursing practice?

Be specific and connect it to yourself as a future nurse

### **Paragraph 4: Conclusion**

Wrap up your paper by:

Summarizing your leader's importance

Briefly mention the main topics again

Reinforcing why their contributions matter today and, in the future.

**Paragraph 1:** Introduce your nursing leader, explain who they are and why they are important, and briefly state why studying nursing history and leaders matters.

**Paragraph 2:** Explain the nursing leader's key contributions and how they have influenced nursing practice.

**Paragraph 3:** Describe how the leader's work could impact the future of nursing and your own practice as a nurse.

**Paragraph 4:** Summarize the leader's importance and restate why their contributions still matter today and in the future.