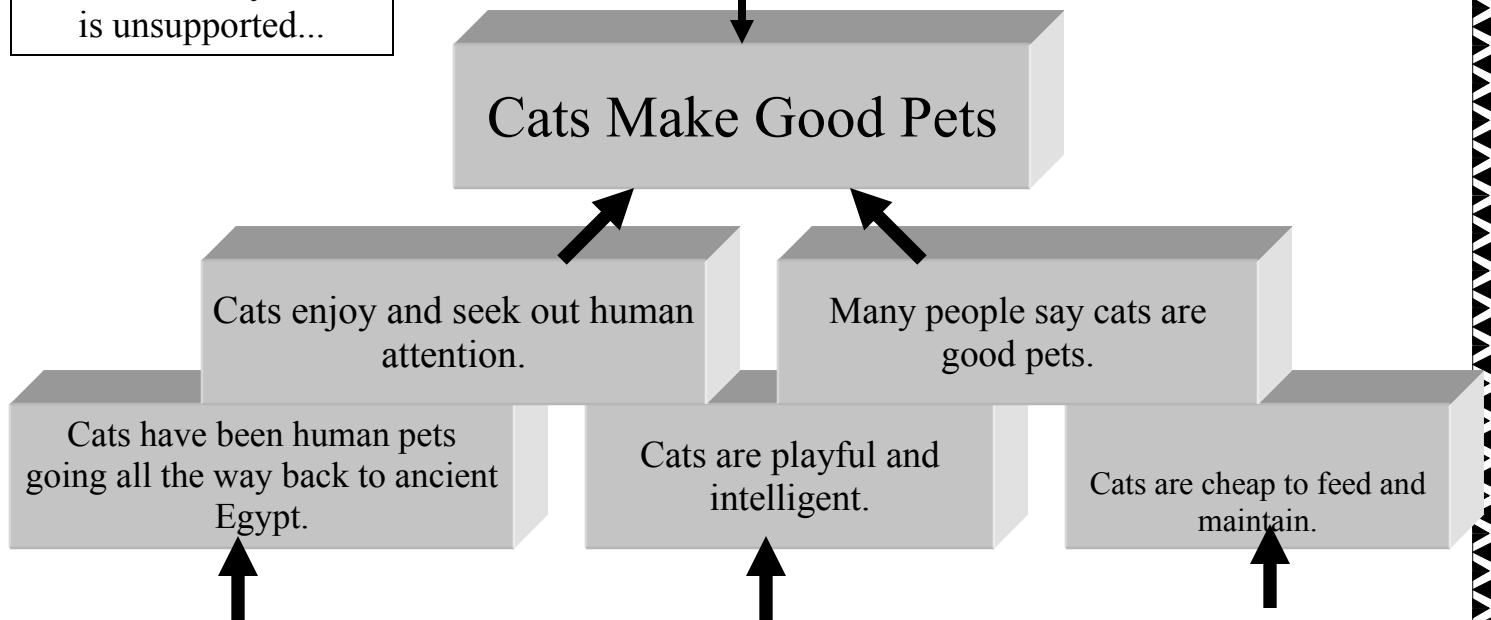


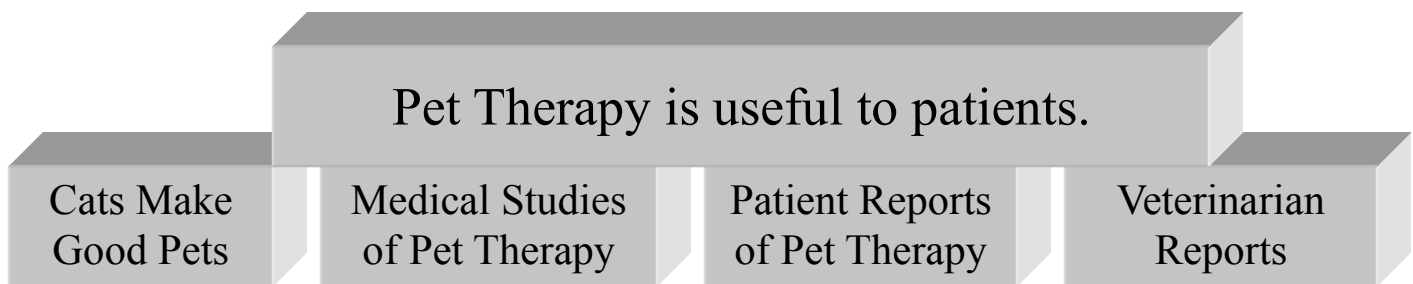
Building An Essay Pyramid

Writing an essay can be daunting, but here's some tips to help you with it. First, choose a central idea - your **thesis** - and use supporting statements and evidence to reinforce it. A way to think of this is to imagine your essay as a pyramid, with the blocks beneath - supporting statements - acting as a framework to hold up your thesis.

For instance, the statement "Cats Make Good Pets" - by itself - is unsupported...



...but by using supporting statements, we can reinforce our original point. Each supporting statement can be a single fact, a sentence, or even a full paragraph elaborating on the main point, forming the body of your essay.



For longer essays, you can merge your thesis statements into a larger whole, creating support for a central thesis - in this case, using a statement about the merits of the cat as a pet to reinforce a larger point about the use of pets in patient therapy.

Remember that the Sowela Library & Learning Resource Center is always available to help you!

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