

Five-Paragraph Essay Plan Sheet

English Department

Name: _____ **Block:** _____ **Date:** _____

Essay Topic: _____

Essay Title: _____

I. Introduction (General to Specific):

Hook: _____

Transition towards the specific; general statements: _____

More Specific Statements Leading to the Thesis: _____

Thesis: _____

 **INTRODUCTION REMINDERS:**

A **Hook** is an attention getter. DO NOT USE RHETORICAL QUESTIONS! You may use: a relevant quote from an outside source, relevant quote from the story, fact or statistic, or shocking or amusing (but school appropriate) generalization. Whichever method you decide to use, make sure that your hook is relevant to the topic of your essay. The attention getter should relate to the topic of your paper.

This type of **Introduction** (general to specific) draws the reader into the topic slowly, leaving the presentation of individual points to the body of the essay.

The introduction must include the name of the author, the title of the work, brief plot summary (1-3 sentences), and the importance of the work.

A **Thesis Statement** is the main idea or argument of the essay. Your thesis statement should include a 3-part outline of the supporting points that will be discussed, allowing the reader to see the general plan of the essay. Should always answer the topic question!