

GENERAL 5-PARAGRAPH ESSAY OUTLINE

I. Introduction

- a. Attention-getter (anecdotes, facts, statistics, rhetorical questions, description, etc.) _____
- b. Background information (narrow down central idea) _____
- c. Thesis statement (a claim/assertion that includes a developmental plan outlining your intended argument; list your three main points) _____

II. Body Paragraph #1

- a. Topic Sentence (major assertion/point) _____
- b. Supporting details (quotes, description, paraphrasing, explanation, etc.) _____

III. Body Paragraph #2

- a. Topic Sentence (major assertion/point) _____
- b. Supporting details (quotes, description, paraphrasing, explanation, etc.) _____

IV. Body Paragraph #3

- a. Topic Sentence (major assertion/point) _____
- b. Supporting details (quotes, description, paraphrasing, explanation, etc.) _____

V. Conclusion

- a. Restate thesis (rephrase main idea) _____
- b. Closing thoughts (So what? summary of main points, call to action, quotation, question, reference back to introduction, future) _____