

GENERAL 5-PARAGRAPH ESSAY OUTLINE

- I. **Introduction**
- a. Attention-grabber (anecdotes, facts, statistics, rhetorical questions, description, etc.) _____
 - b. Background information (historical context, general idea) _____
 - c. Thesis statement (in clear, declarative form includes a strong opinion, plan outlining your intended arguments, list your three main points) _____
- II. **Body Paragraph #1**
- a. Topic sentence (major assertion/claim) _____
 - b. Supporting details (facts, statistics, descriptions, paraphrasing, explanation, etc.) _____
- III. **Body Paragraph #2**
- a. Topic sentence (major assertion/claim) _____
 - b. Supporting details (facts, statistics, descriptions, paraphrasing, explanation, etc.) _____
- IV. **Body Paragraph #3**
- a. Topic sentence (major assertion/claim) _____
 - b. Supporting details (facts, statistics, descriptions, paraphrasing, explanation, etc.) _____
- V. **Conclusion**
- a. Restate thesis (rephrase main idea) _____
 - b. Closing thought (forecast? summary of main points, call to action, quotation, statistic, reference back to introduction, etc.) _____