

## Five Paragraph Essay Outline

### I. INTRODUCTION

- A. **HOOK** an interesting quote, statistic, fact, story, question, or controversial idea that grabs the reader's attention.

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- B. **SUPPORT** a sentence that elaborates on the **HOOK**

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- C. **TRANSITION** a sentence that connects **HOOK** and **THESIS**

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- D. **THESIS STATEMENT** must contain a topic, opinion, and answer how or why

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## Five Paragraph Essay Outline

### II. BODY PARAGRAPH 1

1. **TOPIC SENTENCE** explains what this paragraph will be about and makes a direct connection with the thesis

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- A. **SUPPORT 1:** evidence that proves or supports the topic sentence and thus the thesis.

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- a. **ELABORATION:** expand upon the evidence, go deeper, discuss ideas, explain.

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- B. **SUPPORT 2:** evidence that proves or supports the topic sentence and thus the thesis.

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- a. **ELABORATION:** expand upon the evidence, go deeper, discuss ideas, explain.

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- C. **SUPPORT 3:** evidence that proves or supports the topic sentence and thus the thesis.

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- a. **ELABORATION:** expand upon the evidence, go deeper, discuss ideas, explain.

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- D. **CONCLUSION:** summarize, connect ideas to thesis, transition to next paragraph

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## Five Paragraph Essay Outline

### III. BODY PARAGRAPH 2

1. **TOPIC SENTENCE** explains what this paragraph will be about and makes a direct connection with the thesis

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- A. **SUPPORT 1:** evidence that proves or supports the topic sentence and thus the thesis.

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- a. **ELABORATION:** expand upon the evidence, go deeper, discuss ideas, explain.

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- B. **SUPPORT 2:** evidence that proves or supports the topic sentence and thus the thesis.

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- a. **ELABORATION:** expand upon the evidence, go deeper, discuss ideas, explain.

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- C. **SUPPORT 3:** evidence that proves or supports the topic sentence and thus the thesis.

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- a. **ELABORATION:** expand upon the evidence, go deeper, discuss ideas, explain.

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- D. **CONCLUSION:** summarize, connect ideas to thesis, transition to next paragraph

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### IV. BODY PARAGRAPH 3

1. **TOPIC SENTENCE** explains what this paragraph will be about and makes a direct connection with the thesis

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- A. **SUPPORT 1:** evidence that proves or supports the topic sentence and thus the thesis.

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- a. **ELABORATION:** expand upon the evidence, go deeper, discuss ideas, explain.

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- B. **SUPPORT 2:** evidence that proves or supports the topic sentence and thus the thesis.

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- a. **ELABORATION:** expand upon the evidence, go deeper, discuss ideas, explain.

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- C. **SUPPORT 3:** evidence that proves or supports the topic sentence and thus the thesis.

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- a. **ELABORATION:** expand upon the evidence, go deeper, discuss ideas, explain.

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- D. **CONCLUSION:** summarize, connect ideas to thesis, transition to next paragraph

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# Five Paragraph Essay Outline

## IV. CONCLUSION

A. TOPIC SENTENCE Transitions to conclusion and restates thesis

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B. SUMMARIZE YOUR KEY IDEAS

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c. \_\_\_\_\_

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C. CLINCHER OR CONCLUDING THOUGHT: gives the reader something to think about, ties it all together, makes a final statement that is thought-provoking.

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