

## **Five Paragraph Essay Notes (Teacher Copy)**

- I. Introduction Paragraph
  - A. Purpose: to introduce readers to the essay topic
  - B. First sentence: Hook the readers/grab their interest
    - 1. Tell an interesting fact
    - 2. Ask a question
    - 3. Answer the prompt
  - C. Sentences 2-3: Give background information
  - D. Last sentence: thesis statement
    - 1. Most important sentence of your essay
    - 2. Defines purpose and topic of the essay
    - 3. In a five paragraph essay, list three specific reasons
- II. Detail Paragraphs (also called Supporting Paragraphs)
  - A. Body of the essay (three paragraphs)
  - B. Each detail paragraph matches one reason listed in the thesis
  - C. Purpose: provide supporting details for the reasons listed in the thesis
    - 1. Be as specific as possible
    - 2. Give examples that prove the thesis is true
- III. Conclusion Paragraph
  - A. Purpose: tie up any loose ends and finish the essay
  - B. Does not provide any new information
  - C. Restate the thesis (can be done in separate sentences)

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**Directions:** As the class reviews the structure of the five paragraph essay together, fill-in-the blanks on your sheet.

### I. \_\_\_\_\_ Paragraph

- A. Purpose: to introduce readers to the essay \_\_\_\_\_
- B. First sentence: \_\_\_\_\_ the readers/grab their interest
  - 1. Tell an interesting \_\_\_\_\_
  - 2. \_\_\_\_\_ a question
  - 3. Answer the \_\_\_\_\_
- C. Sentences 2-3: Give \_\_\_\_\_ information
- D. Last sentence: \_\_\_\_\_
  - 1. Most \_\_\_\_\_ sentence of your essay
  - 2. Defines \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of the essay
  - 3. In a five paragraph essay, list \_\_\_\_\_ specific reasons

### II. \_\_\_\_\_ Paragraphs (also called \_\_\_\_\_ Paragraphs)

- A. \_\_\_\_\_ of the essay (three paragraphs)
- B. Each detail paragraph \_\_\_\_\_ one reason listed in the thesis
- C. Purpose: provide supporting details for the reasons listed in the thesis
  - 1. Be as \_\_\_\_\_ as possible
  - 2. Give examples that prove the \_\_\_\_\_ is true

### III. \_\_\_\_\_ Paragraph

- A. Purpose: tie up any \_\_\_\_\_ ends and finish the essay
- B. Does not provide any \_\_\_\_\_
- C. \_\_\_\_\_ the thesis (can be done in separate sentences)