Outline of an Essay

**I. Introductory Paragraph**

Hook – something to catch the reader’s attention

Background/ Bridge - information about the topic leading to the thesis

THESIS STATEMENT -- the last sentence of the introductory paragraph that states the main idea for the essay and has a predictor

II. **Body Paragraph #1 –**

Begins with a topic sentence that states the main idea of the paragraph and connects back to the thesis statement.

Supporting sentences in the paragraph explain, expand and/or give examples to support the topic sentence.

III. **Body Paragraph #2 –**

Begins with a topic sentence that states the main idea of the paragraph and connects back to the thesis statement.

Supporting sentences in the paragraph explain, expand and/or give examples to support the topic sentence.

IV. **Body Paragraph #3 –**

Begins with a topic sentence that states the main idea of the paragraph and connects back to the thesis statement.

Supporting sentences in the paragraph explain, expand and/or give examples to support the topic sentence.

V. **Concluding Paragraph** – Can do any or all of the following:

Restates the thesis statement in a new way

Makes a final comment or opinion about the topic

Offers a solution if the essay has presented an issue that could be solved (Used for an argumentation or opinion essay)

**Outline of an Essay to Fill In**

**I. Introductory Paragraph**

Hook –

Background/ Bridge --

THESIS STATEMENT -- \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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II. **Body Paragraph #1 – Topic Sentence --** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Support:

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III. **Body Paragraph #2 – Topic Sentence --** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Support:

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IV. **Body Paragraph #3 – Topic Sentence --** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Support:

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V. **Concluding Paragraph** –