

# FIVE PARAGRAPH ESSAY OUTLINE

## 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)

## Body Paragraph 1

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- Topic Sentence (major assertion/point)
- A. Major Supporting Detail
    - 1. Minor Supporting Detail
    - 2. Minor Supporting Detail
  - B. Major Supporting Detail
    - 1. Minor Supporting Detail
    - 2. Minor Supporting Detail
  - C. Major Supporting Detail
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## Body Paragraph 2

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- Topic Sentence (major assertion/point)
- A. Major Supporting Detail
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    - 2. Minor Supporting Detail
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## Body Paragraph 3

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- Topic Sentence (major assertion/point)
- A. Major Supporting Detail
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    - 2. Minor Supporting Detail
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## Conclusion Paragraph

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- 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)

### HELPFUL ABBREVIATIONS

Introduction = Intro  
Topic Sentence = TS  
Major Supporting Detail = MajSD  
Minor Supporting Detail = MinSD  
Transition = Trans