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)

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
   1. Minor Supporting Detail
   2. Minor Supporting Detail

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
   1. Minor Supporting Detail
   2. Minor Supporting Detail

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
   1. Minor Supporting Detail
   2. Minor Supporting Detail

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