Writing Strategy

Five Paragraph Essay Format

I. Introduction:

A. Hook: interesting sentence

B. Thesis

C. Background on topic

D. 3 body topics

E. (Counterclaim if needed)

F. Concluding sentence: try using the work because

II. Three Body Paragraphs

1. Topic Sentence
2. Detail #1: 3 sentences (how and why)
3. Detail #2: 3 sentences (how and why)
4. Detail #3: 3 sentences (how and why)
5. Quote: place where it provides details (try using only one good quote with the appropriate detail.)
6. Lead in sentence
7. Cite source
8. “Quote”
9. Explain quote
10. Concluding sentence: try and use the word because

III. Conclusion: NO NEW INFO

1. Re-state topic (position)
2. Re-explain your topic (sum up)
3. Re-state counter claim (if needed)
4. Concluding sentence (because)