Writing Strategy

Five Paragraph Outline 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 word because

II.  Three Body Paragraphs

A.   Topic Sentence

1. Detail #1: 3 sentences (how and why)

2.  Detail #2: 3 sentences (how and why)

3.  Detail #3: 3 sentences (how and why)

B.    Quote: place where it provides details (try using only one good quote with the appropriate detail.)

1. Lead in sentence

2.  Cite source

3.  “Quote”

4.  Explain quote

C.   Concluding sentence: try and use the word because

III.  Conclusion: NO NEW INFO

A.   Re-state topic (position)

B.   Re-explain your topic (sum up)

C.   Re-state counter claim (if needed)

D.   Concluding sentence (because)