

## **The Basic 5-Paragraph Essay Format Using Creative Hook or Quote Introduction & Conclusion**

The following outline is a brief snapshot of your basic 5-paragraph essay for testing. Following this outline will help organize your essay and make it easy for the reader to follow.

### **Introduction:**

- Creative Hook or Quote
- Tie-in to the topic
- Thesis Statement with 3 clear reasons

### **First Point** (Begin with a transition and your first reason from thesis statement)

- Some good transitions for this paragraph include: *Initially, To begin with, In the first place,*
- Follow up with 3 solid sentences supporting your reason. Use Quotes, Examples, or Statistics
- End the paragraph with a justifier sentence where you restate the main idea of the paragraph. A good justifier transition to include: *Obviously,*

### **Second Point** (Begin with a transition and your second reason from thesis statement)

- Some good transitions for this paragraph include: *Additionally, Equally important,*
- Follow up with 3 solid sentences supporting your reason. Use Quotes, Examples, or Statistics
- End the paragraph with a justifier sentence where you restate the main idea of the paragraph. A good justifier transition to include: *Clearly,*

### **Third Point** (Begin with a transition and your third reason from thesis statement)

- Some good transitions for this paragraph include: *Of course, Furthermore, Also,*
- Follow up with 3 solid sentences supporting your reason. Use Quotes, Examples, or Statistics
- End the paragraph with a justifier sentence where you restate the main idea of the paragraph. A good justifier transition to include: *Thus,*

### **Conclusion**

- Re-state Thesis in 2+ sentences
- Tie back to Creative Hook or Quote introduction



## **The Basic 5-Paragraph Essay Format Using a General Statement Introduction & Conclusion**

The following outline is a brief snapshot of your basic 5-paragraph essay for testing. Following this outline will help organize your essay and make it easy for the reader to follow.

### **Introduction:**

- General or Broad Statement
- Three Detail Statements beginning with time order transitions: *First, Next, Finally*

### **First Point** (Begin with a transition and your first reason from first detail statement)

- Some good transitions for this paragraph include: *Initially, To begin with, In the first place,*
- Follow up with 3 solid sentences supporting your reason. Use Quotes, Examples, or Statistics
- End the paragraph with a justifier sentence where you restate the main idea of the paragraph. A good justifier transition to include: *Obviously,*

### **Second Point** (Begin with a transition and your second reason from second detail statement)

- Some good transitions for this paragraph include: *Additionally, Equally important,*
- Follow up with 3 solid sentences supporting your reason. Use Quotes, Examples, or Statistics
- End the paragraph with a justifier sentence where you restate the main idea of the paragraph. A good justifier transition to include: *Clearly,*

### **Third Point** (Begin with a transition and your third reason from third detail statement)

- Some good transitions for this paragraph include: *Of course, Furthermore, Also,*
- Follow up with 3 solid sentences supporting your reason. Use Quotes, Examples, or Statistics
- End the paragraph with a justifier sentence where you restate the main idea of the paragraph. A good justifier transition to include: *Thus,*

### **Conclusion**

- Re-state Thesis in 1 sentence
- Refer to specific detail from the body of your essay