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Introductory Paragraph:

*Hook:* makes the reader of the paper want to continue reading. Can be a definition, phrase or quote from a recognizable source, 1-3 sentence story, etc.

*Author & Book title:* Remember novels are the only books that are underlined all other pieces are put in quotations.

*Thesis:* the "back bone" of the paper. States a position on a topic that can be proved in the paper. Make sure the topic is narrow enough to be upheld with facts in the following paragraphs.

Body Paragraphs (3): (for "2 chunk" paragraphs only use 2 CDs and 4 CMs in each)

*Topic Sentence:* States the subject that will be discussed in the paragraph. A more detailed, narrower statement like the thesis.

*Concrete Detail 1:* Fact quoted or paraphrased from the piece on which you are writing. Cite the source if directly quoted.

*Commentary 1:* Comments on the importance of the concrete detail.

*Commentary 2:* Comments on the statement in commentary 1.

*Concrete Detail 2:* Fact quoted or paraphrased from the piece on which you are writing. Cite the source if directly quoted.

*Commentary 1:* Comments on the importance of the concrete detail.

*Commentary 2:* Comments on the statement in commentary 1.

*Concrete Detail 3:* Fact quoted or paraphrased from the piece on which you are writing. Cite the source if directly quoted.

*Commentary 1:* Comments on the importance of the concrete detail.

*Commentary 2:* Comments on the statement in commentary 1.

*Concluding Sentence:* Wraps up the thoughts of this paragraph. Directly relates to the "Topic Sentence".

Conclusion:

Wraps up the topic of the paper. Directly relates to the thesis statement but does not repeat it. **DO NOT** introduce any new facts in this paragraph. This paragraph is solely used to tie up the loose ends in the paper.