

# GENERAL 5-PARAGRAPH ESSAY OUTLINE

## I. Introduction

- a. Attention-getter (anecdotes, facts, statistics, rhetorical questions, description, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_  
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- b. Background information (narrow down central idea) \_\_\_\_\_  
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- c. Thesis statement (a claim/assertion that includes a developmental plan outlining your intended argument; list your three main points) \_\_\_\_\_  
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## II. Body Paragraph #1

- a. Topic Sentence (major assertion/point) \_\_\_\_\_  
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- b. Supporting details (quotes, description, paraphrasing, explanation, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_  
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## III. Body Paragraph #2

- a. Topic Sentence (major assertion/point) \_\_\_\_\_  
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- b. Supporting details (quotes, description, paraphrasing, explanation, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_  
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## IV. Body Paragraph #3

- a. Topic Sentence (major assertion/point) \_\_\_\_\_  
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- b. Supporting details (quotes, description, paraphrasing, explanation, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_  
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## V. Conclusion

- a. Restate thesis (rephrase main idea) \_\_\_\_\_  
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- b. Closing thoughts (So what? summary of main points, call to action, quotation, question, reference back to introduction, future) \_\_\_\_\_  
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