

Five Paragraph Essay Outline

Directions: Follow the steps below to plan and write your essay.

Step 1: State your **topic**: _____

Step 2: State the **focus question(s)** you were given or create a focus question:

Step 3: Plan out your essay in the boxes below (you may have **more** than three supporting details but **not less**):

Paragraph 1: INTRODUCTORY PARAGRAPH

ATTENTION GRABBER/HOOK:

THESIS STATEMENT:

SUBTOPIC 1:

SUBTOPIC 2:

SUBTOPIC 3:

Paragraph 2: FIRST BODY PARAGRAPH

SUBTOPIC 1:

SD 1.

SD 2.

SD 3.

Paragraph 3: SECOND BODY PARAGRAPH

SUBTOPIC 2:

SD 1.

SD 2.

SD 3.

Paragraph 4: THIRD BODY PARAGRAPH

SUBTOPIC 3:

SD 1.

SD 2.

SD 3.

Paragraph 5: CLOSING PARAGRAPH (summary)

Rephrase thesis:

Rephrase SUBTOPIC statements:

Closing statement/question:

Step 4: Write a **rough draft**; follow your plan. Check carefully to ensure that you include **transitions** to link together your paragraph ideas: your **SUBTOPICS** and your **SDs** within your paragraphs.

Step 5: Peer check for **form** and **mechanics** and receive **feedback**. Make any **revisions** and work on **editing** your essay. Type your final piece using the **MLA format**. Staple all 5 steps under the final copy!