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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.

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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.