GENERAL 5-PARAGRAPH ESSAY OUTLINE

I. Introduction

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

II. Body Paragraph #1

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

III. Body Paragraph #2

- a. Topic Sentence (major assertion/point)
- b. Supporting details (quotes, description, paraphrasing, explanation, etc.)_____

IV. Body Paragraph #3

- a. Topic Sentence (major assertion/point) _____
- b. Supporting details (quotes, description, paraphrasing, explanation, etc.)_____

V. Conclusion

- a. Restate thesis (rephrase main idea)_____

