ESSAY OUTLINE

-Start with Background information, a quote or question – something to hook the reader!

-Your intro should also briefly introduce your supporting ideas.

THESIS STATEMENT: YOUR MAIN IDEA

(Everything in your essay needs to connect somehow to THIS main point)

These supporting ideas will become the topic sentences for your body paragraphs. They must connect to your thesis

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| Supporting Idea 1 | Supporting Idea 2 | Supporting Idea 3 | \*Supporting Idea 4 | \*Supporting Idea 5 |

Specific details to support ideas 1-5. These details must back up the supporting ideas and can include personal perspective or factual information.

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-Your Conclusion Paragraph Must:

-RESTATE YOUR THESIS (in different words)

-Summarize each supporting idea (topic paragraph) in one sentence apiece.

-Finish with a BANG! (\* You can use an appropriate quote, question or personal opinion to make your point here!)