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| Introduction |
| Hook: Grabs the reader’s attention |
| Transition/bridge: transitional phrase that links the hook to the backgrounddetails or your claim and reflects the thesis which will be developed laterin the introductory paragraph. |
| Background details:Sentence/s that state/s the claim/topic/problem and relates to the argument that will be made later in the thesis statement  * Can also be background information on the topic/problem * Can also include relevant definitions * May include ideas that will be developed later in the body paragraphs |
| Mention of a counter claim (this can go before or after the thesis) |
| Thesis statement: sentence that makes a clear statement on the overallpoint the essay will make. |
| Body Paragraph 1 |
| 1. Topic sentence 1: Addresses the prompt Tied to the thesis statement |
| 2. Cite Evidence: to support the topic sentence |
| 3. Explain/elaborate on evidence: adds to the evidence - Anecdotes, definitions  Statistics/facts, examples,  Explains the significance of the  evidence  Additional details |
| 4. Transitions/transitional sentence |
| 5. Wrap up sentence |
| Body Paragraph 2 |
| 1. Topic sentence 2: Addresses the prompt Tied to the thesis statement |
| 2. Cite Evidence: supports the topic sentence |
| 3. Explain/elaborate on evidence: adds to the evidence Anecdotes, definitions  Statistics/facts, examples,  Explanations the significance of the  evidence  Additional details |
| 4. Counterclaim: present an opposing reason |
| 5. Transitional word/sentence to introduce why counter claim is notBest idea |
| 6. Wrap up sentence: summarizing the key idea from body paragraph 2 |
| Body Paragraph 3 |
| 1. Topic Sentence 3: Addressing the prompt Tied to the thesis statement |
| 2. Cite Evidence: supporting the topic sentence |
| 3. Explain/elaborate on evidence: adds to the evidence Anecdotes, definitions  Statistics/facts, examples,  Explains the significance of the  evidence  Additional details |
| 4. Counterclaim: present an opposing reason |
| 5. Transitional words/sentence to introduce why counterclaim is not the best idea |
| 6. Wrap up sentence: summarizing the key idea from body paragraph 3 |
| Conclusion |
| 1. Clarify your thesis/Restate Thesis/ Main Ideas: |
| 2. Use on of the following strategies to emphasize your point: Explore the consequences (positive and negative)  Challenge the reader (call to action)  Look to the future (cause the reader to apply the information to his/her own life)  Pose questions (give the reader a new perspective)  Raise unexpected value (what can the reader learn/gain as a result of the thesis/essay |
| 3. Answer the so what question Connect to introduction’s hook: |