**Introductory Paragraph**

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| WORDS OF INTRODUCTION* a sentence talking about your essay topic in a general way
* set the stage for the time, place and circumstances
* get the reader interested
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| THESIS STATEMENT* an answer to the question that is different from your plan of development
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| PLAN OF DEVELOPMENT* a sentence outlining the content of your 3 body paragraphs
* should be in order (eg—the first point mentioned in the plan should be the topic of the first paragraph, the second paragraph, and so on)
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| CONCLUDING SENTENCE* wrap up the paragraph, perhaps by rewording your thesis
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**Concluding Paragraph**

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| THESIS RESTATED* a rewrite of your thesis statement from your introductory paragraph
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| EXAMPLES SUMMARIZED* a rewrite of your plan of development from your introductory paragraph
* a summary of the evidence put forward in two or three sentences
* *do not add any new information*
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| WORDS OF CONCLUSION* a few sentences that tie up your thesis nicely
* leave the reader with something to think about (what this topic means for the future)
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