Name _____ Due Sept. 5

**Use the Basic Outline for a Five-Paragraph Essay to fill in the blanks.**

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Title of Essay

The _____ is the first sentence of an essay or paper and is designed to catch the reader's attention. The next two or three sentences of the _____ will set up the thesis statement, which presents the main idea of the essay. The _____ spotlights the three points you'll address in the rest of the paper. It functions as a _____ for the reader and always occurs at the end of the introduction.

The first _____ begins with a _____ and should reflect the first point mentioned in the thesis statement. The remaining four-to-five sentences will offer supporting information that is necessary to the essay. If required, body paragraphs will also include quoted and cited information from other works. The final sentence of a body paragraph does two things: 1) it wraps up one main point, and 2) provides a smooth _____ to the next paragraph.

The second body paragraph is similar in structure to the first, but this time, the _____ _____ reflects the second point given in the thesis statement. If the essay involves research, then the most important facts are quoted and cited here. Essentially, every essay or research paper makes a _____ for, against, or about something, and research is the evidence required to support every claim.

The third _____ _____ begins with a _____ _____ that reflects the final point made in the thesis statement. Unless otherwise instructed, every _____ and _____ essay should be written in the _____ _____. Essays written in the first person are typically response essays, where the writer offers his or her personal opinions on a subject. At the end of the last body paragraph, provide a smooth _____ to the conclusion.

For some writers, the _____ can be the hardest paragraph to write. The challenge here is to reiterate the same ideas from the thesis without _____ yourself. Do _____ include _____ information in the conclusion paragraph. Instead, leave the reader with a final _____ that reflects the theme of the paper using new language. Conclusions often require extra brain power and several revisions, but that's how writers get better over time.