**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 |  |
| THESIS STATEMENT   * an answer to the question that is different from your plan of development |  |
| 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) |  |
| CONCLUDING SENTENCE   * wrap up the paragraph, perhaps by rewording your thesis |  |

**Concluding Paragraph**

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| THESIS RESTATED   * a rewrite of your thesis statement from your introductory paragraph |  |
| 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* |  |
| 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) |  |