**Paragraph #1 INTRO – 3-4 sentences**

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| 1. **Hook** (interesting questions, statement or fact). NO OPINION YET!!!   *Graduation . . .* |
| 1. **Background** (use 1-2 sentences to describe what a body cam is and who uses and why). OPINION YET!!!   *Some laws require . . .* |
| 1. **Claim** (Answer – Should we require students to stay in school until they are 18?)   *The government should/should not . . .* |

**Paragraph #2 BODY 5-7 sentences**

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| **Topic Sentence** (general sentence Pro school)  *There are many reasons why students . . .* |
| 1. **Evidence #1** (Quote one source)   *According to . . .* |
| 1. **Explain further (don’t repeat)**   *This evidence suggests . . .* |
| 1. **Evidence #2**   *Another reason is that . . .* |
| 1. **Explain further (don’t repeat)**   *This example shows . . .* |
| 1. **Evidence #3**   *A third reason we should . . .* |
| 1. **Explain further (don’t repeat)**   *If we do this . . .* |
| 1. **Concluding sentence**   *As you can see . . .* |

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| **(Additional Body Paragraph)**  ***Intermediate/Advance students can add another paragraph with additional evidence here.*** |

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| **Paragraph #3 Counter Argument**   1. **Topic Sentence** (State the other side’s strongest reason)   *Some say that students . . .* |
| 1. **Reason for the opposing side**(cite a source)   *They say this because . . .* |
| 1. **Rebuttal (refute other side)**   *This is not a good reason because. .* |
| 1. **Concluding sentence (restate your position)**   *Overall, it is obvious that . . .* |

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| **Paragraph #4 Counter Argument**   1. **Concluding Sentence** (Summarize your main 3 supporting reasons)   *To summarize, the government . . .* |
| 1. **Call to Action** (invite the reader to support you)   *We all need . . .* |
| 1. **Dire Warning** (Warn what might happen in the future if the other side wins)   *If we don’t . . .* |