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

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| 1. **Hook** (interesting statement or fact). NO CLAIM YET! |
| 1. **Background** (describe what the current law). NO CLAIM YET! |
| 1. **Claim** (Answer the prompt) |

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

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| 1. **Topic Sentence** (general sentence about your position) |
| 1. **Evidence #1** (Quote one source) |
| 1. **Explain further (don’t repeat)** |
| 1. **Evidence #2** |
| 1. **Explain further (don’t repeat)** |
| 1. **Evidence #3** |
| 1. **Explain further (don’t repeat)** |
| 1. **Concluding sentence** |

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| **Paragraph 3 – Website evidence – use the back of the paper** |

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| **Paragraph # 4 Counter Argument**   1. **Topic Sentence** (State the other side’s strongest reason) |
| 1. **Reason for the opposing side**(cite a source) |
| 1. **Rebuttal (refute other side)** |
| 1. **Concluding sentence (restate your position)** |

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| **Paragraph #5 Conclusion**   1. **Concluding Sentence** (Summarize your main 3 supporting reasons) |
| 1. **Call to Action** (invite the reader to support you) |
| 1. **Dire Warning** (Warn what might happen in the future if the other side wins) |