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

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| 1. **Hook** (interesting statement or fact). NO CLAIM YET!
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| 1. **Background** (describe what the current law). NO CLAIM YET!
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| 1. **Claim** (Answer the prompt)
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**Paragraph #2 BODY 5-7 sentences**

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| 1. **Topic Sentence** (general sentence about your position)
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| 1. **Evidence #1** (Quote one source)
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| 1. **Explain further (don’t repeat)**
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| 1. **Evidence #2**
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| 1. **Explain further (don’t repeat)**
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| 1. **Evidence #3**
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| 1. **Explain further (don’t repeat)**
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| 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)
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| 1. **Reason for the opposing side**(cite a source)
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| 1. **Rebuttal (refute other side)**
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| 1. **Concluding sentence (restate your position)**
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| **Paragraph #5 Conclusion**1. **Concluding Sentence** (Summarize your main 3 supporting reasons)
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| 1. **Call to Action** (invite the reader to support you)
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| 1. **Dire Warning** (Warn what might happen in the future if the other side wins)
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