**Essay Format**

**Follow the guidelines below to write a strong essay on your topic. You will need the organizer to do this.**

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| **INTRODUCTION** |
| Open with your hook from Step 5.  Write a transition sentence that relates to your hook.\*  Write your summary of the issue from Step 6.  Finish with your thesis from Step 4. |

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| **BODY PARAGRAPH(S)** |
| Here’s where you write your supporting points from Step 2. For each one, write 1-3 sentences that provide additional details and elaboration. Order your supporting points from weakest to strongest. Readers tend to remember best the details that are presented last. |

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| **ACKNOWLEDGE THE OTHER SIDE** |
| Now it’s time to recognize the other side of the argument. Use what you wrote in Step 3. Then explain why you think the opposing point of view is wrong. |

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| **CONCLUSION** |
| Use 2-3 sentences to remind your readers of your main points. |