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Expository Essay

I. Introductory Paragraph

A. Attention Getter/Hook:

- a quotation _____
- a fact/ statistic/ statement _____
- a question _____
- set a mood _____
- a story _____

A. **Background Summary:** Explain or clarify the hook to ground the reader back in your topic. What are two comparisons or contrasts that you will be going into detail about? _____

B. **Thesis Statement:** A road map for the paper = tells the reader what to expect from the rest of the paper.

II. Body Paragraph One - Topic Sentence – Introduce the idea of the two topics being similar to each other.

. This should be a general description in which you'll detail in the paragraph. _____

A. **Factual Supporting Detail 1** – State a fact that shows how the two topics are similar. _____

B. **Factual Supporting Detail 2** – State another fact that shows how the two topics are similar. _____

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C. **Factual Supporting Detail 3** – State one more fact that shows how the two topics are similar. _____

D. **Conclusion and Transition Statement:** Conclude the paragraph by restating your first sentence but try to also transition into the next paragraph. _____

III. Body Paragraph Two - Topic Sentence – Introduce the idea of the two topics being different from each other. This should be a general description in which you'll detail in the paragraph. _____

A. **Factual Supporting Detail 1** – State a fact that shows how the two topics are different. _____

B. **Factual Supporting Detail 1** – State a fact that shows how the two topics are different. _____

C. **Factual Supporting Detail 2** – State another fact that shows how the two topics are different. _____

D. **Conclusion and Transition Statement:** Conclude the paragraph by restating your first sentence but try to also transition into the next paragraph. _____

IV. Conclusion: Conclude your paper the same way you started, except backwards:

A. Restate your thesis statement/main idea with slightly different wording. _____

B. **Final Thought** – Make a final, factual comment about the two topics.

