Expository Essay Outline Template

I. Introduction Paragraph
   a. Attention Getter (Write the sentence(s) you will use to capture your reader’s attention)
   b. Detail – something to add to or support your attention getter
   c. Complete Thesis Statement

II. Body Paragraph 1 Topic Sentence (Write out the entire sentence)
   a. Supporting detail Give an explanation that supports your topic sentence
   b. Supporting Detail – Give an example that supports your topic sentence and explanation
   c. Give a statement that analytically summarizes your topic sentence and details

III. Body Paragraph 2 Topic Sentence (Write out the sentence)
   a. Through c. repeat the same process as above

IV. Body Paragraph 3 Topic Sentence (Write out the sentence)
   a. Through c. repeat the same as above

V. Conclusion
   a. Restate the thesis ideas without repeating the thesis word for word
   b. Summarize and connect the main points of your essay with a universal idea/theme

*Remember, the idea is not to explain EVERYTHING in your thesis statement – that is what you’re body paragraphs are for. The entire essay, as well as each paragraph, should follow a pattern: start out broad, relate specifically to the novel, give specific evidence and examples, restate specifically, summarize, and connect to a universal idea (going back to broad).

*Make your paragraphs connect with transitions.

*Use appropriate language, spelling, and grammar.

*Do not be repetitive – this is the death of any essay!!!

*Do not use the same detail/example twice