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| Essay Planning Sheet | |
| Introduction   * Find an intriguing example * Use a quotation or statistic * Use an anecdote or story * Ask a thought provoking question * Give background on your topic * Have a great first sentence * Find startling information   Hook your audience! | Notes for Introduction:  Thesis Statement: |
| Body Paragraph 1: | Topic Sentence:  Details:  1.  2.  3. |
| Transition Word |  |
| Body Paragraph 2: | Topic Sentence:  Details:  1.  2.  3. |
| Transition Word |  |
| Body Paragraph 3: | Topic Sentence:  Details:  1.  2.  3. |
| Transition Word |  |
| Conclusion:   * Restate your main ideas in a different way * Emphasize your main points * Tell a short anecdote * Leave the reader with an interesting final impression * Propose a course of action (if it fits with your topic) * DO NOT introduce any new ideas |  |

Thesis statement = Main idea + topic of paragraph 1 + topic of paragraph 2 + topic of paragraph 3

Use at least two transition words between paragraphs. Check for mechanical errors.