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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
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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.