The Dreaded 5 Paragraph Essay

Step 1: Choose your topic  
*Ask yourself: can I write about this topic for about 2 pages? Will I be able to cover everything I want to in that amount of space?*

Step 2: Do some research & reading about your topic  
*Really spend some time reading about your topic – this will help you determine whether you’ve got a good topic as well as the direction you want to take it*

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Step 3: WHAT ARE YOUR 3 MAIN POINTS?   
*You have your topic, you’ve read a bit about it – now you need to decide what your 3 main points are going to be (don’t start writing your essay until we’ve approved your 3 main points)*

Step 4: Time to create an outline!  
*Now you’re going to create an outline for your essay. If you follow all the steps the essay will pretty much write itself once you’ve completed your outline.*A picture containing diagram

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*A 5 paragraph essay follows this order:*1: Introduction  
2: Body Paragraph 1 (your first main point)  
3: Body Paragraph 2 (your second main point)  
4: Body Paragraph 3 (your third main point)  
5: Conclusion

*When you chose your 3 main topic you basically created a blueprint for your essay. Great! Now you know what you’ll be writing about in each body paragraph – this is the substance of your essay. Use the template below to create an outline (we will explain the intro and conclusion paragraphs).*

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| Introduction | Hook:  Thesis statement: |
| Body Paragraph 1: | Topic:  Point 1:  Point 2:  Point 3: |
| Body Paragraph 2: | Topic:  Point 1:  Point 2:  Point 3: |
| Body Paragraph 3: | Topic:  Point 1:  Point 2:  Point 3: |
| Conclusion: | Restating your main points:  So what? A question or thought to leave your reader with |

