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Class: _____

Elegant Essay Outline

Title: _____

Introduction

Attention-Getter: *Immediately captures the attention of the audience in a manner that is favorable to the topic.*

Techniques: funnel, ask a question, show a benefit, humorous or startling statement, quotation, dialogue, story/description

Transition to thesis: *Provide 1 - 3 sentences that make a connection between the attention-getter or hook and the thesis.*

Thesis Statement: *What you intend to describe, explain, or persuade the audience to do or the position you intend to take on a well-defined question. Should be stated in one clear and concise sentence.*

Body

i. First point or weakest argument and how it proves the thesis:

Evidence/Support/Showing:

ii. Second point or next strongest argument and how it proves the thesis:

Evidence/Support/Showing:

iii. Third point or strongest argument and how it proves the thesis:

Evidence/Support/Showing:

Conclusion

Revisit the thesis: *What have you proved?*

Application of your arguments: *Be sure to tie back to your Introduction.*

Final impact: *End your essay with a strong sense of finality that will make an emotional impact on the audience.*

Call to action, Paint a picture, Benefit gained, Why it matters—the “So what”

References

If you use sources, list references below:
