Paragraph Outline Format

1. Topic Sentence (States main idea.)
   1. Reason or Claim 1
      1. Evidence from the text (details/examples/paraphrasing) -- include parenthetical citations.
   2. Reason or Claim 2
      1. Evidence from the text (details/examples/paraphrasing) -- include parenthetical citations.
   3. Reason or Claim 3
      1. Evidence from the text (details/examples/paraphrasing) -- include parenthetical citations.
2. Conclusion Sentence (Restates topic sentence in different words.)

5 Paragraph Essay Format

1. Introductory Paragraph
   1. Attention grabber
   2. Transition Sentence
   3. Thesis Statement
2. Body Paragraph 1
   1. Topic Sentence
      1. Reason or Claim 1
         1. Evidence from the text (details/examples/paraphrasing)—include parenthetical citations.
      2. Reason or Claim 2
         1. Evidence from the text (details/examples/paraphrasing) —include parenthetical citations.
      3. Reason or Claim 3
         1. Evidence from the text (details/examples/paraphrasing) —include parenthetical citations.
   2. Conclusion Sentence
3. Body Paragraph 2
   1. Topic Sentence
      1. Reason or Claim 1
         1. Evidence from the text (details/examples/paraphrasing) —include parenthetical citations.
      2. Reason or Claim 2
         1. Evidence from the text (details/examples/paraphrasing) —include parenthetical citations.
      3. Reason or Claim 3
         1. Evidence from the text (details/examples/paraphrasing) —include parenthetical citations.
   2. Conclusion Sentence
4. Body Paragraph 3
   1. Topic Sentence
      1. Reason or Claim 1
         1. Evidence from the text (details/examples/paraphrasing) —include parenthetical citations.
      2. Reason or Claim 2
         1. Evidence from the text (details/examples/paraphrasing) —include parenthetical citations.
      3. Reason or Claim 3
         1. Evidence from the text (details/examples/paraphrasing) —include parenthetical citations.
   2. Conclusion Sentence
5. Conclusion Paragraph
   1. Restate thesis in different words.
   2. Transition
   3. Clincher sentence: SO what?!