**EXPOSITORY ESSAY OUTLINE:**

**Introductory Paragraph:**

* Begin with an interesting quotation related to your topic or a HOOK of some sort to catch the reader’s attention and make them want to read on
* Introduces the main idea of the essay and the reasons to be further explained
* End the introduction with your Thesis Statement (presents the central idea of the essay and the writer’s opinion)

**Body Paragraph(s):**

* Each includes a topic sentence based on the reasons mentioned in the Introduction and related to the thesis
* Topic Sentences explain the main idea of the paragraph
* Each Paragraph includes facts, details, examples and specific information supporting the thesis statement

**Conclusion Paragraph:**

* Stresses the importance of the thesis statement and gives a sense of completeness and insight to the reader
* Restates the thesis using different words
* May include a cliffhanger

Don’t forget transitions! Some examples include: Meanwhile, Next, Unfortunately, Although, Then, Afterwards, Therefore, Unfortunately, Once, Before, Finally, etc.