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## LANGUAGE LAB

### 5 PARAGRAPH ESSAY OUTLINE

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Period \_\_\_\_\_

Essay \_\_\_\_\_

Directions: Fill out the 5-paragraph outline before you begin typing your essay. It will help you stay focused as you work through each idea in your essay. You will turn this sheet in with your essay, so hang onto it.

#### Thesis Statement –

A good thesis statement will answer the prompt completely in one sentence. In an argumentative essay, you should take a firm stance in relation to one arguable position.

Your Thesis: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

#### Topic Sentences –

A good topic sentence will develop one specific idea to support the thesis statement. If someone were to read your thesis statement and ask "why?" or "why not?" what would you say?

Topic Sentence #1: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Example: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Example: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Topic Sentence #2: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Example: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Example: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Topic Sentence #3: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Example: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Example: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

#### Conclusion –

A good conclusion will summarize the points introduced in the thesis statement and discussed in the essay. It also re-states the thesis statement in a different way than the introduction. The introduction and conclusion often use similar wording to complement each another. Finally, give a good conclusion will give the reader something interesting to think about. In an argumentative essay, this may include “call to action” which means you encourage the reader to do something as a result of reading your argument.

Your thesis re-stated in a different way: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_