| **Explanatory Essay Outline*****I. Introduction**** *Hook (a question, fact, or quote)*
* *Background information*
* *Thesis statement*
* *Preview of main points*

***II. Body Paragraph 1**** *Topic sentence*
* *Supporting evidence or example*
* *Explanation*
* *Link to thesis*

***III. Body Paragraph 2**** *Topic sentence*
* *Supporting evidence or example*
* *Explanation*
* *Link to thesis*

***IV. Body Paragraph 3**** *Topic sentence*
* *Supporting evidence or example*
* *Explanation*
* *Link to thesis*

***V. Conclusion**** *Restate the thesis*
* *Summarize main points*
* *Final thought or takeaway*
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