| **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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