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Model Graphic Organizer for a Five Paragraph Essay

Use transitional words that reflect order of importance from least to most, such as initially, primarily, finally, more importantly, most importantly, for example, etc. to connect ideas and sentences.

Paragraph #1 Introductory Paragraph

- Thesis Statement = Topic + Purpose
- Hook (Something to catch the reader's attention)
- Three Points from: Examples [personal or other's experience, quotations, statistics, hypothetical situations] ; Facts; Descriptive Details; and/or Reasons.
- Concluding Sentence

Paragraph #2: The First Point

- Topic sentence about the first point
- Supporting sentences to develop the first point
- Concluding sentence about the first point
- All sentences relate to the main thesis

Paragraph #3: The Second Point

- Topic sentence about the second point
- Supporting sentences to develop the second point
- Concluding sentence about the second point
- All sentences relate to the main thesis

Paragraph #4: The Third Point

- Topic sentence about the fourth point
- Supporting sentences to develop the fourth point
- Concluding sentence about the fourth point
- All sentences relate to the main thesis

Paragraph #5: Concluding paragraph

- Topic sentence restates the thesis in a different way.
- Supporting sentences summarize the points.
- Concluding sentence brings the paragraph and the essay to a close by adding an opinion, suggesting an action, or making a values judgment about the thesis.