NOTES ON EASY ESSAY FORMAT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Introduction Paragraph

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| Grabber (NO QUESTIONS)2 pts | * Grab the readers’ attention
* Write this sentence last. That way you know what you are grabbing their attention to read.
* NO QUESTIONS – Nobody will answer the question
* Focus on your TOPIC and / or Precise Opinion.
* Short declarative statements are great.
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| Topic Sentence (EXPLAIN / INTRODUCE THE TOPIC)  | * The purpose of this sentence is to introduce the reader to your topic.
* Pretend you are explaining your topic to an alien from outer space.
* Keep it simple – this is a sentence not a paragraph.
* Explain what is most important to understand.
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| Thesis (*Topic*+**Precise Opinio**n (because) Reason) | * Your thesis is what you will PROVE in your essay.
* This is the most important sentence as it lets the reader what the essay is about.
* Having a reason is optional but you must ALWAYS have a topic and precise opinion.
* Without this sentence your essay falls apart.
* This should be the first sentence you write.
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Body Paragraph

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| Reason Sentence (Introduce the Reason) | * This sentence is to introduce your reason. Your reason is what you are using to prove your precise opinion about you topic.
* Find the REASON in your thesis.
* Don’t rewrite your thesis.
* Don’t include the precise opinion in this sentence.
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| Proof – Use a quote correctly | * Prove your reason either using a regular proof sentence, a flow quote, or a colon quote.
* Make sure you are focused on proving your reason.
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| Tie Back to P/O (Tie your reason back to your precise opinion  | * In order to prove your thesis you need to TIE your REASON back to your PRECISE OPINION.
* Don’t rewrite your thesis.
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Conclusion

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| Restate (IN NEW WORDS) your thesis | * DO NOT SIMPLY REWRITE YOUR THESIS
* You need to use different words to reiterate your thesis.
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| Final Thought  | * This should be a declarative sentence
* This should neatly end your essay.
* This should have to do with your topic and / or precise opinion
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