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. |
| 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. |
| 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. |

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. |
| 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. |
| Proof – Use a quote correctly |  |
| 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. |

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. |
| 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 |