“Ideal” Paragraph Outline

1. Topic Sentence: This gives the main idea or argument of the paragraph.

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1. Explanation of the position: This sentence explains your position on the topic of the paragraph.

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1. Example 1: This is the first example of support for your argument.

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1. Explanation of Example 1: This explains how example 1 supports your argument.

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1. Example 2: This is the second example of support for your argument.

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1. Explanation of Example 2: This explains how example 2 supports your argument.

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1. Counterargument: This sentence indicates what someone opposing you might say.

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1. Refutation of the Counterargument: This sentence explains why the counterargument is wrong.

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1. Concluding sentence: This sentence wraps up your argument and/or transitions to the next paragraph.

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2. Explanation of the position: This sentence explains your position on the topic of the paragraph.
3. Example 1: This is the first example of support for your argument.
4. Explanation of Example 1: This explains how example 1 supports your argument.
5. Example 2: This is the second example of support for your argument.
6. Explanation of Example 2: This explains how example 2 supports your argument.
7. Counterargument: This sentence indicates what someone opposing you might say.
8. Refutation of the Counterargument: This sentence explains why the counterargument is wrong.
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