**Expository Essay Template**

**Introduction Paragraph**

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| **Hook:**  *-startling info.* ***or***  *-quotation* ***or***  *-statistics* ***or***  *-all commentary* |  |
| **Background information:**  *What your reader needs to know about the topic* |  |
| **Thesis:** *the umbrella statement for the whole essay – what you will prove* | *Topic (answer to the question) + CM that* ***applies to all CDs in the essay*** |

**Conclusion Paragraph**

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| **No repeats** |  |
| **All Commentary** |  |
| **Gives a finished feeling to your essay** |  |

**Body Paragraph (use one of these for each paragraph)**

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| **TS** | *Topic + CM that* ***applies to all CDs in the paragraph*** |
| **CD** | *Fact/what/example/illustration/quotation/plot detail/paraphrase/evidence/support/reference/citation/plot summary/what happens* |
| **CM** | *So what/why/analysis/interpretation/evaluation/feelings/opinion/inference/insight/ significance/reasons/why the CD above is important* |
| **CM** |  |
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| **CM** |  |
| **CS** | *A finished feeling for the paragraph; no repeats; all CM* |