**INTRODUCTION**: This is your FIRST paragraph (Remember **HBT**—HOOK, BRIDGE, THESIS)

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| **H**ook: Question or quote from the story—something to get me “hooked” into your paper. |  |
| **B**ridge: This connects your HOOK to your THESIS. It should be 2-3 sentences. |  |
| **T**hesis: This is the focus of the essay—write your theme here. |  |

**BODY**: This is your SECOND and THIRD paragraph. (You are using the **2nd POWER** format.)

 1st Body POWER Paragraph 2nd Body POWER Paragraph

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| **P**resent your main idea (topic sentence). Connect to the thesis. |  |  |
| **O**ffer a reason why this is your main idea. What point do you want to make about the topic? |  |  |
| **W**iden your information. What is your proof? Go to the text for support—offer evidence! |  |  |
| **E**xplain how or why your reason and proof are connected to the topic. |  |  |
| **R**estate your main idea. What do you want your readers to really know about this topic? |  |  |

**CONCLUSION**: This is your FOURTH paragraph. (Remember **RIC**—REVISIT, IMPORTANCE, CLINCHER)

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| **R**evisit your thesis in a new way. Avoid “In conclusion. . . “ |  |
| **I**mportance: Why this is an important message?  |  |
| **C**lincher—what are your parting thoughts for your reader? What should we remember? |  |