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Graphic Organizer for Essays**DIRECTIONS:**

- * Fill in the boxes with the required information.
- * Three supporting details for each of your body paragraphs are ideal, but two will be enough.
- * Don't let the form limit your thoughts. If you have MORE evidence, reasoning, or details to add to your body paragraphs, fill them in between the boxes, on the side – wherever.

INTRODUCTION = LEAD + THESIS STATEMENT

Lead: Begin the essay with 1 – 3 interesting sentences that grab the reader's attention and make him/her want to read more. Be sure that your opening sentences sound good leading up to your thesis statement.

Thesis Statement: Also known as the main idea, or focus, of your whole essay. This statement should be the last sentence of your introduction.

BODY OF THE ESSAY

Body Paragraph #1 – Topic Sentence

Support

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Body Paragraph #2 – Topic Sentence

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Body Paragraph #3 – Topic Sentence

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CONCLUSION

Summarize the points in your essay and state how they prove your thesis statement.
Your challenge: Avoid repeating the words in your thesis and topic sentences.