**Five Paragraph Essay**

**Remember, it can actually be more than 5 paragraphs. You can have 4-5 facts to support, or the ones you have could require multiple paragraphs of evidence. The format remains the same.**

Paragraph 1: introductory information

 Thesis statement and synopsis of 3 or more

supporting details.

Sample Prompt: Explain why a healthy diet is important.

Weak Thesis Examples:

    \* Too broad: A healthy diet is important.

    \* Too narrow: People should include eight servings of fruits and vegetables in their diet everyday.

    \* Off topic: Bananas are one of the most nutritious foods on earth.

Strong thesis: A healthy diet is important because it increases energy, prevents illness and promotes well-being in all people.

Paragraph 2: Supporting evidence #1

Paragraph 3: Supporting evidence #2

Paragraph 4: Supporting evidence #3

Paragraph 5: restate thesis

 Summarize supporting evidence

Important:

Provide evidence in the same sequence used in your first paragraph.

Do not introduce new evidence in your conclusion. If it is important enough to state, it should be in the body of the paper (paragraphs 2-4).

You can leave the reader with a thought or question for further study.

Paragraph 1: Introductory information: many horse breeds.

 Each has own characteristics.

 Hardy or fragile, bred for endurance or speed

 Thesis: Mustangs, in particular are easy keepers

because…..

 strong hooves- don’t need shoes

 healthy- less need for vet

 flexible eaters- not picky

Paragraph 2: evolution of strong hooves.

 Savings in cost to shoe- include data

Paragraph 3: survival of fittest led to horses less likely to become ill or injured- less vet bills- include data on colic, less leg injuries (sure footed)

Paragraph 4: easy to feed- they had to survive on what was available in the wild- evolved-

 Can buy cheaper feed

 Find data

Paragraph 5: restate thesis- Mustangs make a great horse for someone on a limited budget because they are easy keepers.

 Reason 1, 2, and 3.

Can end with thought such as- Mustangs are highly recommended as a basic trail and pleasure horse. Of course, you might want to get one that has already been trained.