Structure of the Classic Five-Paragraph Essay (adjusted to be useful across many majors)

Introduction:
   Presentation of Topic: ___________________________________________
   Mapping Statement/Method: _______________________________________

Thesis Statement: ________________________________________________
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Body Paragraph 1:
   Transition: ___________________________________________________________
   Topic: _________________________________________________________________
   Presentation of Evidence (data, quotations, events, problem): _______________
   Analysis of Evidence (interpretation of data, close-reading of quotes, analysis of 
   events, diagnosis of problem): ____________________________________________
   *Explicit link of interpretive discussion back to thesis statement: _______________
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Body Paragraph 2:
   Transition: ___________________________________________________________
   Topic: _________________________________________________________________
   Presentation of Evidence (data, quotations, events, problem): _______________
   Analysis of Evidence (interpretation of data, close-reading of quotes, analysis of 
   events, diagnosis of problem): ____________________________________________
   *Explicit link of interpretive discussion back to thesis statement: _______________
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Body Paragraph 3:
   Transition: ___________________________________________________________
   Topic: _________________________________________________________________
   Presentation of Evidence (data, quotations, events, problem): _______________
   Analysis of Evidence (interpretation of data, close-reading of quotes, analysis of 
   events, diagnosis of problem): ____________________________________________
   *Explicit link of interpretive discussion back to thesis statement: _______________
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Conclusion
   Restatement of Thesis
   *Significance of your discussion
      - who especially needs to hear what you have had to say and why?
      - are there implications here for further research?
      - are there counter-examples to raise in further discussions?