Expository Essay Template

Introduction Paragraph

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***

Body Paragraph (use one of these for each paragraph)

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	
CD	
CM	
CM	
CS	*A finished feeling for the paragraph; no repeats; all CM*

Conclusion Paragraph

No repeats	
All Commentary	
Gives a finished feeling to your essay	

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