Final essay structure

Note: These are suggestions. They’re good suggestions, but yes, it’s very flexible. It’s more like an example.

## Introduction

* Start by introducing an interesting anecdote, event, or story that shows why this topic is important.  
  In a problem/solution essay, briefly explain the problem and name your preferred solution.
* End the introduction thesis statement (ONE fairly simple sentence that outlines the essay)

## Thesis statement: Problem/solution

*Solution X can help with Problem Y because of Reason A and Reason B.  
Governments should finance ocean cleanups to tackle the plastic pollution problem because it’s an affordable solution and it has a large impact on oceanic life.*

## Thesis statement: Cause and effect

*Phenomenon X is General cause/effect because of Cause/Effect A and Cause/Effect B.  
Exercising is beneficial for long-term health because of it prevents weight gain and develops the cardiovascular system.*

## Development Paragraph 1 (Refer to Article 1)

* A topic sentence about one argument (ONE sentence that states TOPIC and ARGUMENT)  
  *Problem/solution example: “First, one advantage of Solution X is that it can (Reason A).”  
  Cause/effect example: “First, one way that we can observe General cause/effect is through (Cause/Effect A).”*
* Some facts or statistics PARAPHRASED from article (in your words!), with a reference.
* Your explanation of why this information supports your argument.
* An interesting “QUOTE” from an article about an idea or opinion. (Opposite order is also ok.)
* Your larger explanation of this idea or opinion, or why it supports your argument.
* A concluding sentence that summarizes your ideas.

## Development Paragraph 2 (Refer to Article 2)

* A topic sentence about one argument (ONE sentence that states TOPIC and ARGUMENT)  
  *Problem/solution example: “Next, Solution X is also well-suited to Problem Y because of (Reason B).”  
  Cause/effect example: “Next, (Cause/Eff B) also seems to indicate that Phenomenon X is General cause/effect.”*
* Some facts or statistics PARAPHRASED from article (in your words!), with a reference.
* Your explanation of why this information supports your argument.
* An interesting “QUOTE” from an article about an idea or opinion. (Opposite order is also ok.)
* Your larger explanation of this idea or opinion, or why it supports your argument.
* A concluding sentence that summarizes your ideas.

## Conclusion

* Re-visit the thesis, with new wording (re-visit does not mean “repeat”)
* Re-visit each paragraph in ~2 sentences, with new wording
* Have a concluding passage that reflects on the overall meaning, scope, applicability, etc.