Final essay structure

## Introduction:

* Start by introducing an interesting anecdote, event, or story that shows why this problem is important
* End the introduction thesis statement (ONE sentence that clearly states the argument made in the essay)  
  *Problem/solution example: “Solution X can help with Problem Y because of Reason A and Reason B.”  
  Cause/effect example: “Phenomenon X has Cause/Effect Y because of Reason A and Reason B.”*

## 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 Effect Y is through (Reason 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, (Reason B) also seems to indicate that Phenomenon X has Effect Y.”*
* 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.
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## 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 sentence that reflects on the overall meaning, scope, applicability, etc.