ACE Paragraph Outline

This is an outline for a single paragraph of explanation, argument, persuasion, or analysis. It can be used for parts of a lab report, proofs, student reflection, explanation of a concept, or any writing that asks you to process complex ideas for better understanding.

Remember that your writing requires all the parts of a good argument or explanation: a statement of your main point, an introduction to your evidence, the specific evidence itself, and an explanation of how the evidence supports your main point.

I. Topic Sentence: States both the topic of the paragraph and the main point you want to make about that topic.

   A. Introduce the first reason or example that supports your main point.
      1. Provide a specific example or detail as evidence or support.
      2. Explain how the quote or example supports your main point.

   B. Transition to another reason or example that supports your main point.
      1. Provide a specific example or detail as evidence or support.
      2. Explain how this quote or example supports your main point.

   C. Transition to a third reason or example to support your main point.
      1. Provide a specific example or detail as evidence or support.
      2. Explain how this quote or example supports your main point.

   D. Write a concluding sentence (or two) that explains how all three of the examples above support your topic sentence.
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I. Topic Paragraph:

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A. __________________________________________________________________

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C. ___________________________________________________________________

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D. Conclusion: _______________________________________________________

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