Persuasive Essay Paper Frame

I. Prewriting

Topic: __________________________________________________________

POSITION STATEMENT: Write the big idea you want to prove

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Write three (3) brief REASONS to support position statement

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II. Essay Outline

Introduction
Hook (famous quotation, startling statistic, anecdote, or other attention-getter):

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Link (brief background information about your topic)

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THESIS (combine the POSITION STATEMENT + Three REASONS from the Prewriting section)

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First body paragraph (1st point to support your THESIS)

Topic sentence

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Sentences that support the topic of this paragraph (Use examples/quotes/expert opinions/facts. Comment on these.)

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Clincher/summarizing sentence that helps this paragraph support your Thesis

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Second body paragraph (2nd point to support your THESIS)

Transition and topic sentence combined

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Sentences that support the topic of this paragraph (Use examples/quotes/expert opinions/facts. Comment on these.)

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Clincher/summarizing sentence that helps this paragraph support your Thesis

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Third body paragraph (3rd point to support your THESIS)
Transition and topic sentence combined

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Sentences that support the topic of this paragraph (Use examples/quotes/expert opinions/facts. Comment on these.)

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Clincher/summarizing sentence that helps this paragraph support your Thesis

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Fourth body paragraph (Counter Argument)
Transition and topic sentence combined. Transition should signal that this is counter-argument paragraph

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Sentences that explain the main issues of the opposing point of view (Use examples/quotes/expert opinions/facts. Comment on these.)

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Fifth body paragraph (Rebuttal)
Transition and topic sentence combined. Transition should signal that this is rebuttal paragraph

Sentences refuting (proving wrong) the counter-argument (Okay to use just commentary with no new quotations/citations)

Clincher/summarizing sentence that helps this paragraph support your thesis
Conclusion paragraph: (no new information - simply review your points)

Transition into the conclusion by restating Thesis in a new way:

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Summarize each of your three body paragraphs (not the counter-argument or rebuttal):

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Final "clincher" sentence that leaves the reader satisfied with your argument and wanting to TAKE ACTION:

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