Essay Exemplar

**Intro 3 sentences**

1. Universal: (General statement connected to topic but no discussion of topic): There are many great foods in the world.
2. Thesis (main idea of piece): Tacos are the greatest food in the world.
3. Mapping or directional statement (three main ideas of the essay in the order in which they will appear): Tacos are great because they are healthy, affordable and fun.

**Body paragraphs using paragraph one as an example:**

1. Topic: most important sentence of the paragraph. It states what the paragraph is about and creates what is allowed in the paragraph. If a sentence does not agree with the topic, it will be off topic. Example: The first reason for the greatness of tacos is that they are healthy.
2. Expert: statement of fact that supports the topic. In short, it is one of the two reasons to believe your topic sentence. In a literary essay, it is a quote from the novel in an historical essay it is an historical fact. There are at least two of these per paragraph in grade nine. Example: According to statistics Canada in order to be healthy, you need to eat a selection from all of the food groups.
3. Explanation: There are at least two of these per paragraph in grade nine. This sentence explains how your expert proves your case. example: Since tacos always contain the four food groups, they are a healthy food.
4. Conclusionary statement. Ends your paragraph and connects the topic to your thesis. Tells the reader you are ready to move on to the next topic and proves your thesis at the same time. Example: Therefore, tacos are great because they are healthy.

**Conclusion (3 sentences):**

1. Re- use thesis in past tense: Example: Tacos have proven to be the greatest food.
2. Re-use map: restate your directional statement in the past tense. Example: As we have seen, tacos are the greatest food because they are healthy, affordable, and fun.
3. New universal: A general statement that leaves the reader food for thought. Example: Tacos should be a staple in any diet.

**How it is presented:**

*No headings, spacing between paragraphs is necessary, paragraphs indented at the beginning.*

**Tacos**

 There are many great foods in the world. Tacos are the greatest food in the world. Tacos are great because they are healthy, affordable and fun.

 The first reason for the greatness of tacos is that they are healthy. According to statistics Canada in order to be healthy, you need to eat a selection from all of the food groups. Since tacos always contain the four food groups, they are a healthy food. Another reason tacos are healthy is that they usually contain tomatoes. According to Dr. Humperdinck, tomatoes are a super food containing anti-oxidants that improve our general health. Therefore, tacos are great because they are healthy.

 Secondly, tacos are a great food because they are affordable. Many restaurants have taco nights where tacos sell for one dollar per taco. This means it is possible to feed a family of five for under twenty dollars. Another reason tacos are affordable is that you can vary taco ingredients. Since you can vary the ingredients, you can always use what is on sale. Due to its affordability, tacos are a great food.

 Thirdly, tacos are a great food because they are fun. According to Dr. Pavel, a noted child psychologist, children enjoy foods that they can eat with their hands. Since, tacos are the ultimate finger food they are more enjoyable for most people. Another aspect of tacos that make them fun is that they are portable. Tacos can go anywhere the fun is, making them the ultimate fun food. Therefore, the fun in eating tacos is why they are a great food.

 Tacos have proven to be the greatest food. As we have seen, tacos are the greatest food because they are healthy, affordable, and fun. Tacos should be a staple in any diet.