**Outline for Description Essay**

1. Introduction
   1. Grabs the reader’s attention.
   2. Gives needed/necessary background information.
   3. If you are stuck, use the 5Ws + H.
      1. Who?
      2. What?
      3. Where?
      4. Why?
      5. When?
      6. How?
   4. Thesis: purpose of your essay
      1. Don’t state the obvious. For example: This essay is about a person who affected me. No one wants to read this essay.
      2. Your thesis sums up your whole essay in one sentence; therefore, your thesis is going to take some time to develop.
      3. Remember, your thesis can be changed. Nothing is written in stone.
      4. What’s the subject of your essay and what is the purpose of describing this person, place, event, moment, or object.
2. Body paragraphs
   1. Topic sentence for each body paragraph: gives the reader an idea of the overall main purpose of the paragraph
   2. Include sensory details, descriptive words, and figurative language about your topic.
   3. Make sure that you include textual evidence pertinent to proving your thesis.
   4. Avoid using vague words or make general statements. Be specific. Paint a picture in your reader’s mind.
   5. Incorporate specific details that prove the importance or significance of your topic.
   6. Suggested ways to organize your essay: order of importance (from least to most important when describing the significance of your topic), chronlogical order (the order an event occurred), or spatial order (front to back, left to right, or top to bottom, when when describing an object or a place, when describing an object or a place)
   7. Prove how important or significant your topic is to you. What impact has this a person, place, event, moment, or object had on you?
   8. Conclusion sentence for each body paragraph: wraps us your paragraph and transitions into the next paragraph
3. Conclusion paragraph
4. Restate/rewrite your thesis and main points.
5. Reflect on what you have learned.
6. Call to action or final thoughts or make a future statement.